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### GCSE pass rate set for record rise

Education Editor

GCSE results, which will be released to 600,000 young people tomorrow, are expected to show a record pass-rate.

The increase will trigger a renewed argument about whether standards are sliding, but examiners and academics are confident that the improvement shows a genuine advance in students' performance.

The proportion of exam entries awarded grades A\* - C, the equivalent of a pass under the old O-levels, is understood to have risen by just over 1 per cent, to around 55 per cent. The percentage of passes has

one up every year since the

GCSE exam replaced O-levels nine years ago, but recent increases have been lower than those in the exam's early days. Last year's rise was 1 per cent. Increases in the percentage of pupils awarded the two top

grades of A or A\* are levelling off in some subjects. This year's figures are expected to continue last year's trend, with the total number of entered talling

to keep pace with the growing number of 16-year-olds. Several major subjects are expected to show a fall in the number of entries. Teachers' leaders' blamed the fall on schools' decisions to hold back weak candidates to boost their exam league table positions. League tables, introduced in 1991, show

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the proportion of pupils gaining five  $A^* - C$ . But the Department for Education said at the time that schools had no incentive to withdraw weak pupils, as the figures are based on the total



number of pupils eligible for the exam, not on the number who actually sit them.

There may be other explanations for a drop in entries, including the growing number of pupils taking vocational qualifications. Statistics show that fewer lower sixth-formers are resitting GCSEs, and more are taking vocational courses.

Some schools may have decided to reduce the number of subjects taken by less able pupils in the hope that they will score more highly by concentrating on fewer subjects.

And the upturn in the economy may have encouraged more pupils to leave school at Easter and take jobs without waiting for their examinations.

David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education, has expressed concern about the number of pupils leaving schools without any qualifications more than one in seven.

He is also worried that the gap between the best and worstperforming pupils at GCSE is widening. Some experts fear that the least able pupils are being neglected as schools concentrate on those capable of getting C grades.

The Government has already set national targets for 11-yearolds in English and maths. Officials from the Department for Education and the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority are investigating how schools could set targets for GCSE performance.

The improvement in GCSE results will bring criticisms from traditionalists that the exam is ess tough than the old O-level. However, exam officials say

that GCSE exams are subject to strict monitoring by the curriculum authority and checks are carried out to ensure that standards for all exam boards are comparable.

Alan Smithers, professor of public policy at Brunel University, said last night: "I do think that this improvement is genuine, as teachers and students become more familiar with the requirements of what is needed to do well."

He said that those who be failed to understand how exams had changed. The purpose of Olevel was to pick out the brightest, but the aim of the GCSE was to have a worthwhile qualification for everyone.

t Student teachers may be offered "salaries" to forestall a recruitment crisis. Senior officials at the Department for Education have discussed back-dating part of a qualified teacher's salary.

The National Association of Head Teachers will propose such a scheme in its evidence to the review body on teachers' pay, Applications for teacher train-

### Surf's up – and it's hotter than Barbados



Louise Hancock and Lucy McDonald

As Britain headed for the hottest August since records began, the country's leading marriage counselling service yesterday predicted an upsurge in domestic strife, and the RAC not to get too hot under the

collar. The heatwave is raising temperatures in more ways than one, according to Relate, which anticipates an increased number of calls after the holiday period. Julia Cole. a Relate ing have fallen sharply this year. | pleaded with irate motorists weather will be magnifying

problems because, as people are stressed out, they are less like-

ly to be patient and are more likely to snap at their partner. During periods of hot weather, people drink a lot more, especially alcohol, and we know alcohol and marital relationships don't mix - and can lead to violence."

tempers overheat."Without question, drivers do become less tolerant as the temperature

goes up and levels of aggression and confrontation do increase". Holidaymakers in Barbados had to make do with a high of

The RAC has recorded a

higher than normal number of

callouts as vehicles and drivers'

30C yesterday, while Londoners sweltered in 32C. Forecasters are predicting that the humid weather will persist over the next few days, with a risk of localised thunderstorms.

The Bank Holiday weekend will bring cooler temperatures in the west, but warm and muggy weather elsewhere.

### Third MP suspended by Labour

Political Correspondent

Labour suspended its third MP in as many months last night after an internal inquiry found the Renfrewshire member Tommy Graham guilty of smearing a number of his colleagues. One of them, the Paisley South MP Gordon McMaster, committed suicide last month.

Nick Brown, the party's chief whip, ordered disciplinary action against Mr Graham - a decision which overshadowed yesterday's launch of the "yes" campaign for Scottish devolution - but cleared him of any part in the death. Labour will now hold a further inquiry into Mr Graham's conduct and send in a task force to look at the running of his constituency.

Mr Brown found that Mr Graham spread unfounded ru-

MP accused both Mr Graham and Labour's former deputy chief whip, Don Dixon, of conspiring against him.

Mr Brown said: "The whole affair has had the effect of bringing the party into disrepute and destabilising local politics in Renfrew. I do, of course, make no presumption of guilt."

Mr Graham said in a state-

ment last night that he wel-

comed the chance to answer the

allegations and clear his name. Tom Sawyer, the party's general secretary, will oversee the further investigations. Labour will co-operate with a police investigation into claims that public money was used to fund a company which laundered drug money - one Labour councillor and one former councillor con-

suspended. A statement issued last night mours about Mr McMaster's said there were "serious arate statement from Mr private life. A note left by the grounds for investigation", in- Sawyer said the party's Na-



TOmmy Graham: Said to have spread unfounded rumours

cluding allegations that Mr Graham had maintained connected with the firm have been nections with a suspended councillor, Paul Mack. A sep-

tional Executive Committee would carry out the further investigation while the task force would report to him. Mr Graham's constituency would be run under his direct supervision in the interim. It said there would also be a probe into the running of the Paisley North constituency, whose MP, Irene Adams, was a close friend of Mr McMaster's.

Two Paisley North members had been accused of trying to get Mr Mack elected as a councillor after he was suspended. it said. There would also be a full membership check in Paisley South. Mr Sawyer said: "Labour is

an open and democratic party. We will not tolerate malpractice or any activities which do not uphold our high standards." Yesterday Mr Mack, a former

deputy leader of Renfrew District Council who is now an independent councillor, said the report's conclusions went

against natural justice. Raymond Robertson, the chairman of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Association and a former Scottish Office minister, called for a full public inquiry into the allegations about the Labour Party in Scotland last night.

"It is no longer good enough for Labour to promise internal inquiries and to pledge to put its own house in order. The lesson of recent weeks is that Labour are simply unable to take the effective action necessary," he said.
Two other Labour MPs have

been suspended since May 1. Mohammed Sarwar, the member for Glasgow Govan, was accused of trying to bribe an election rival and Bob Wareing. member for Liverpool Derby, was found to have failed to register an interest in an Eastern Ешгореап сотрапу.

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Referring to Mr Morley's comments she said: "December

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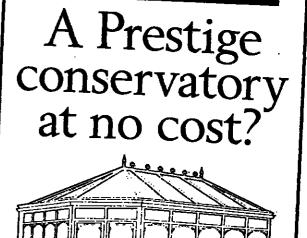
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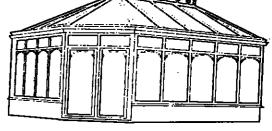
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### Four more scientists hit by animal

Four more scientists at Oxford University have suffered attacks by animal rights activists. trying to draw attention to a fellow activist who is on hunger

strike in jail. The new cases emerged last night after The Independent highlighted an assault on Professor Colin Blakemore, whose car was vandalised at his Oxfordshire home on Saturday.

Yesterday, the Animal Libcration Front phoned The Independent claiming responsibility for the Blakemore attack and admitting a further four attacks on Oxford University scientists on the same

ght.

Barry Horne, a remand prisdrive. In the past, my children And to say this is linked with

oner in Bristol Prison, began his hunger strike on 11 August. He claims the Government has reneged on pre-election promises animal experimentation.

Robin Webb, spokesman for the ALF, said: "Five torturers all had their vehicles done and some of their homes were tarted. This is to show support for Barry Horne and disgust at the Government and scientists who use animals. The severity of actions can be escalated."

The ALF gave The Independent a list of those targeted on Saturday. One professor, who refused to be named, said: -Paintstripper was thrown over my car, the tyres were slashed and the words 'Murderous scum were sprayed on my

have been approached. We have been warned they were going to hot up their campaign."
The scientists said they had little knowledge of the hunger

Professor John Hopewell, director of research at the Research Institute, Oxford said: "I do not even know the name Barry Horne but my house was vandalised. In the past I've been targeted but this is the first time my house has been damaged. It's a nuisance but it's a

hazard of the job these days." Professor Blakemore, whose family has been the focus of attack for more than 10 years, said: "These people are playing judge, jury and executioner. We will not tolerate terrorism.

Barry Horne, well - I am not in charge of releasing prisoners, I am not even aware of the charges against him. And I am not responsible for setting up a Royal Commission. Mr Home, charged with pos-

sessing explosive devices with intent to damage property, staged a 35-day hunger strike earlier this year. He said: "The pledges that were made by Labour were nothing more than empty words they have no intention of helpg the animals "

Mr Webb said: "We have a letter dated December from Elliot Morley, Parliamentary Secretary of the Commons, saying: We are proposing a Royal Commission to investigate the claims to recommend on alternatives'.

dependent advice - the Animal Procedures Committee." Last year 2.7 million procedures were performed using animals, an increase of 0.3 per

cent on 1995. (One procedure is roughly equivalent to one animal.) However, since 1974, when 5.5 million were used, the number has more than halved. Ninety per cent of the animals are used for medical research that animals need to be used and and development. Cosmetics constitute 0.1 per cent.

### significant shorts

### **Husband and son detained** over wife's disappearance

The husband and son of Sandie Bowen, who went missing two weeks ago, were arrested by detectives yesterday.

Mike Bowen, 52, and his 19-year-old son Victor were arrested at 6am by detectives investigating the disappearance of the 53-yearold catering worker. The two men were being interviewed by

detectives at separate police stations.

Police yesterday confirmed that they were treating the case as suspicious, although they are still looking for Mrs Bowen, of Llandogo, Monmouthshire. She vanished after being dropped off at a bus stop in Newport, Gwent, by her husband, who had earlier accused her of having an affair and announced he was starting divorce proceedings. Mr Bowen, a forestry worker issued an divorce proceedings. Mr Bowen, a forestry worker, issued an emotional plea for his wife to contact police after she disappeared. He revealed she had recently been in hospital and was depressed after receiving treatment for rheumatoid arthritis.

Detective Inspector Terry Hapgood, of Gwent Police, said: "We are now treating Mrs Bowen's disappearance as suspicious, and foul play is suspected."

#### Accused man attacked in the dock

A man accused of murdering 18-year-old Eliza Ward in the Belfast restaurant where they both worked was attacked in the dock at a magistrates' court yesterday. Gerard Patrick Stewart, 20. of Iris Drive, Belfast, had just been remanded in custody when a man raced from his seat and forced his way into the dock. He grabbed Stewart by the neck and started to punch him around the head and

face, then appeared to try to gouge his eyes.

It took police several minutes to restore order and detain the attacker. An RUC inspector said the incident was being investigated. Ms Ward was stabbed to death at Café Society, where she was manageress, on 17 July. The restaurant owner, Renee Lea, 52, was stabbed in the back in the same incident and Stewart, who was employed as a kitchen porter, is also charged with her attempted murder. He was remanded in custody until 16 September.

#### Roses named for Dunblane dead



The teacher and 16 children who died in the Dunblane massacre were yesterday remembered in a poignant ceremony to name two rose bushes in their memory.

The Gwen Mayor and innocence roses were chosen by Mrs Mayor's husband Rod (pictured) and the families of the children who were killed last year. Sixteen Innocence plants and a single Gwen Mayor bush were planted to form the centrépiece on a roundabout in Dunblane. The ceremony took place on the 10th anniversary of

another gun atrocity, in which 16 people died in Hungerford, Berkshire. The roses were developed by James Cocker and Sons, Aberdeen, with the support of the Dunblane Fund.

#### Girls arrested after pensioner attack

Three girls were arrested yesterday by police investigating an incident in which an 83-year-old woman was terrorised in her house for five hours before being burgled.

One of the girls is 11 and the others are aged 13, police said. An 18-year-old boy was arrested at the same time for allegedly handling stolen goods. A Scotland Yard spokesman said the four had been arrested at addresses in Hounslow and Chiswick, west London, and were being questioned in various police stations. Rosie Howes was left suffering from "psychological trauma" after her ordeal at her home in west London on Sunday.

#### Possible drugs link to shooting

An 18-year-old man who was gunned down in a street by a killer who placed a gun against his head may have been murdered as part of an argument over drugs, it emerged yesterday.

Joel Nubie, who lived with his mother and stepfather in the

Winson Green area of Birmingham, was found lying in the stree on Monday night after he was shot in the forehead at point-blank range. There were reports of an argument taking place in the area at the time of the murder. Police said that the dead man was not a "hardened" street criminal, although Mr Nubie was known to police and had a previous conviction for possessing a small amount of crack cocaine. The Winson Green area has been the scene of gang feuds and police are investigating drug links to the killing, but have no evidence so far to suggest that this was the cause of the violence. Detective Chief Inspector Adrian McAllister said it was "a cold-blooded, calculated killing".

Jason Bennett

#### Network Card threat derailed

The threat of restricting the use of the off-peak Network Card for almost half a million rail passengers has been derailed following the intervention of the rail regulator.

The 17 companies that issue the cards, including Stagecoach, Virgin, Connex and Great Western, received protests from passenger groups and the rail regulator, John Swift QC. Originally the operators had wanted the card, which is regularly used by 430,000 travellers, not to be allowed on any train leaving London stations on weekdays between 4pm and 7.30pm. This move has been abandoned, but, because the price of the card is not regulated, train companies will increase the cost of the discount card by more than 40 per cent - from £14 to £20.

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### Former 'Cosmo' editor takes on new age challenge

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sedate Woman's Journal.

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Ms Smith, 50, telt Cosmo is a blaze of publicity in 1995 after a "multiple agreement" with Terry Mansfield, the managing director of Gosmopolitan publisher Nat. Mags. Industry runnours suggested that Mr. Mansfield wished to spice up the magazine to see off the threat from meal Marie Claire. Nis Smith said they had "wonderful moments and terrible half hours" together.

Where Costopolitain cencentrates on sex and re-lationships, Woman's downed - published by IPC Mag-azines, the publisher of Maile Claire - is almed at what it describes as the "no age woman". In reality this means women aged 35 to 55 who have probably al-ready sorted out their relationships.

Woman's Journal is more interested in the search

most of my best friends." When she left Cosmo she informed the world that the telephone had not stopped ringing and the bouquets of flowers had not stopped arriving. Since then, however, she has been working as a freelance journalist witing about "downshifting" your career and appearing in diary columns. She also worked as a presenter on satellevision and host of Down Your Way on BBC

IPC described Ms Smith yesterday as a legend in women's magazines. The previous editor, Deirdre Vine, has left to spend more time with her family, according to a company spokeswoman.

Paul McCann

### Marriage that has lasted

for 75 years A retired steelworker and his wife thought to be longest-married couple in the country - celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary

Ninety-nine-year-old form Blacker and his wife Rene, 97, of Thrybergh, near Rotherham, South Yorkshire, marked the occasion with a party for their family, which spans five generations.

The year that Mr and Mrs Blacker were married, 1922, saw the birth of the Irish Free State and of the BBC. The Irish Nationalist leader Michael Collins was shot and killed while the Blackers were on their honeymoon in Whitby.

They had one son, Peter - now aged 74 - and their family includes 15 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

The couple (pictured above) are believed to be Britain's oldest married couple, and their



celebration yesterday brings them within seven years of the record for a UK marriage held by James and Sarah Ann Burgess of Bermondsey, south London, who were married for 82 years. Mrs Burgess died in 1965 aged 100.

The longest marriage on record lasted 86 years until 1940, between Sir Temulji Bhicaji Nariman and Lady Nariman of Bombay, India. They were married at the age of five.

Susle Currie

### Why silence was golden for Fashanu

The former footballer and television presenter John Fasharu. cleared earlier this month of match-rigging charges, yesterday defended his decision to stay silent throughout his trial.

Mr Fashanu, 34, insisted he had been totally vindicated by the outcome of the trial and that "no shred of evidence" had been produced against him. But he refused to explain why he had opened a bank account in someone else's name and why money had supposedly been paid into other peopie's accounts on his behalf.

He said he did not accept that the trial judge's decision to order him to pay his estimated £650,000 costs implied any shadow of guilt on his part. He insisted: "The verdict has already stated categorically that I'm not guilty and the fact that I intend to appeal against having to pay the costs underlines that even more."

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### briefing

### Students unprepared for cost of university life

Most students believe that they will get through university without having to borrow any money despite overwhelming evidence to the

A new study by Nat West bank shows that 61 per cent do not expect to take out loans: in practice tens of thousands students

graduate with five-figure debts.

Researchers questioned 1,200 A-level students just days after the Researchers questioned 1,200 A-level students will Government announced that, from next September, students will be asked to pay £1,000 a year towards their tuition fees, at present paid wholly by the taxpayer. Students already take out loans towards living costs. Nearly a quarter of the students questioned gave no figures for rent or bills when they were asked to plan the costs of undergraduate living, but 55 per cent made an allowance for the council tax even though students do not have to pay it.

The bank advises students to live in university-owned housing for their first year because they will then know exactly how much they need to see the students to live in university-owned housing for need to pay for accommodation each term. It also suggests that they should have only one current account - as students with more than one are likely to have bigger debts - and that they should also apply for a government loan in plenty of time, as the money may take longer to arrive than they expect.

#### ENTERTAINMENT

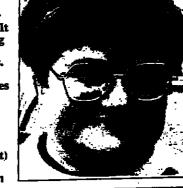
### TV viewers tune into new format

The observational documentary looks set to take over from traditional studio quiz and chat shows as the new light entertainment format following the success of Airport, BBC1's fly-on-the-wall documentary about Heathrow.

Airport – which attracted a consistent audience of between 9 and 10 million viewers, according to the latest BARB audience figures - beat ITV's Ain't Misbehavin,

starring Robson Green and Jerome Flynn, and *Undercover* Customs which ran against it. It was only stopped from topping the BBC's ratings by EastEnders' 14 million viewers. The success of the fly-on-thewall programme's second series follows big audiences for Driving School, the BBC's painfully funny documentary

series about people having driving lessons. The efforts of one pupil Maureen Rees (right) made her into a national Paul McCann celebrity.



#### PERSONAL FINANCE

### **Banks 'short-changing customers'**

Millions of bank customers are being short-changed on their current account interest, a report claimed yesterday.

According to the latest banking survey from the Abbey National, about 16 million of the UKs 61 million current account holders receive no interest at all on their credit balances – an estimated £130m loss in potential interest per year. But the report emphasised it was not just those with non-interest bearing accounts who are losing out. About a third of customers, or 12.5 million accounts, who are paid interest on their funds, said they were dissatisfied with the rate they receive - mainly because of the flat rate they were paid, irrespective of their balance amount.

Of particular concern, the report said, is that nearly 2.5 million customers are still under a million account, while just under a million are "extremely dissatisfied". Two out of five blame their discontent on shoddy levels of service and errors made on their accounts, while one in three are dissatisfied with service charges such as duplicate statements and stopped cheques.

#### Doctors in call for free condoms

Condoms should be available free on the NHS from a wider variety of outlets to help combat unwanted teenage pregnancies, doctors

said yesterday. The British Medical Association said consideration should be given to handing out free condoms in chemist's shops because teenagers tend to avoid GP surgeries for contraceptive advice and men don't like going to family planning clinics, where condoms are already available free. A spokesman said the additional cost was balanced by the enormous cost to the NHS of unwanted pregnancies. The BMA recommendation is made in its evidence to a government committee reviewing prescription procedure and the Jeremy Laurance

#### **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

#### Chatlines facing new controls

People whose phones are used to run up bills to "virtual" chatlines. without their permission should be compensated, a telephone watchdog said today.

More than 15 million calls worth £30m are made each year to-

the chat-lines in which callers exchange recorded messages rather than have live conversations. In the first half of this year, 210 complaints were received about high bills from "virtual" chat-lines, 55 of them about high bills and allegations of unauthorised use. Disputed bills range from less than £10 to hundreds of pounds and "a handful" of bills running into four figures.

ICSTIS, the premium rate phone line watchdog, said although the number of complaints was small in relation to the high volume of calls, it wants all operators to put better systems in place to handle bill disputes.

Under the proposed new guidelines, the watchdog would have the power to compel service providers to compensate customers with valid claims if the dispute could not be resolved. It is also calling for a crackdown on under-18s using the services and wants operators to warn customers after each £10 spent on a call to help them keep track of mounting costs. If accepted, the proposals would be binding on all virtual-chatline operators. Live chatlines were effectively banned from the telephone network after companies failed to pay into a fund set up to compensate people whose phones had been used without their permission.

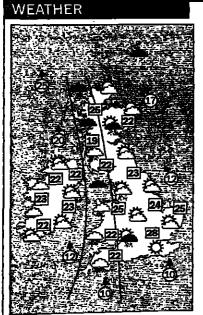
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Wales and the West Country will also be quite warm but there will be a good deal of cloud and some showery rain. Eastern Scotland, north-west England, the West Midlands and central southern England will have hot sunshine but an increase in cloud this afternoon may bring showers or thunderstorms.

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> Greenpeace was last night served with an injunction preventing any further disruption of BP's drilling in Atlantic oil fields off the west coast of Scotland.

Following the decision by the Court of Sessions in Edinburgh, BP offered to suspend its action for £1.4m damages provided the environmental campaigning organisation and its senior campaigners observed

"BP's principal concern is

the company said, "rather, it is to ensure that its lawful operations are not interfered with and that safety is not compromised. BP has never questioned Greenpeace's right to campaign on cli-mate change issues. But we do object to their employing

unlawful tactics." Greenpeace responded by agreeing to abide by the interdict, but vowed to continue opposing new oil exploration in the Foinaven field and elsewhere. "BP is one of the richest oil

companies in the world and is using its resources to stifle free and open discussion about environmental dangers that will affect us all," said Chris Rose, Greenpeace's acting executive director.

BP is suing Greenpeace for £1.4m in damages for losses dur-ing the group's week-long occupation of the Stena Dee oil installation which ended on Sunday, it hopes to have the first of its new fields at Foinaven on stream and producing up to 100,000 barrels of oil a day by the end of the year.

On Monday, a Greenpeace court all the time but we've nevbank account containing £160,000 was frozen by the court and environmentalists claim the legal action could lead to bankruptcy and threaten the pressure group's survival.
John Sauven, a Greenpeace

campaign director, accused BP of bullying tactics. "Their profits amount to billions. It's a hugely profitable organisation. By comparison ours is tiny." Mr Sauven described BP's seizure of assets as "insidious", adding: "We have skirmishes in

er experienced anything like this

He believed that BP's legal action against Greenpeace would backfire. It could only suggest that the oil company was extremely concerned about Greenpeace's plans to take on the Government and 21 oil companies, including BP, at the High Court in London next month in an attempt to have the oil exploration licences for the Atlantic frontier declared

"One can only conclude that they are worried by the success of what Greenpeace is doing, said Mr Sauven. "They obviously thought they could go to the courts behind our backs and

that would be the end of it ...

What are they going to achieve by this? All they are doing is get-

Nick Harvey, the MP for

ting a lot of bad publicity. Indeed, various political parties spoke out last night against BP's behaviour. The Liberal Democrats accused BP of "massively overreacting".

Devon North, said it was "another example of a major multinational company using its massive legal muscle to crush legitimate opposition."

Instead of putting all their energy into attacking Green-peace, they should be putting their energy into developing solar power which will help to provide a solution to the challenge

of climate change."
The Green Party said it had already called for an international boycott of BP products, particularly petrol stations.

Niki Kortvelyessy, speaker of the European Federation of Green Parties, said that groups in 70 countries would take part

in the boycott.
She added: "Oil companies are determined to drain the planet of its last drop of oil, so we can burn it in the atmosphere, resulting in catastrophic change

"It will be companies like BP who will be on the receiving end of demands for compensation in the future, but the amounts will run into trillions."

### Ashes to ashes, and dust to fish food...

Jojo Moyes

A dedicated angler from Somerset has changed his will so that after his death he can thank his favourite fish for a lifetime's pleasure - by

becoming bait.
Pete Hodge, from
Bridgwater in Somerset, has asked that his ashes be mixed with 50 balls of groundbait (finely minced crumbs) and then catapulted into the River

Like all devotees of their sport, Mr Hodge has very particular views on the specifics of his request. He can't be mixed with just any old crumb - he has to be mixed with the commercially sold "Sensas 3000",

"And I must be finely sieved." the hairdresser told Angler's Mail magazine. "That bait will attract my favourite fish - bream. That actual mix is a favourite of theirs ... it

stimulates them." Mr Hodge, who is known locally as "the Groundbait King" ("wherever I go I put groundbait in"), has other specifications: he has to be lobbed, not merely gently dropped, from Woolavington

Bridge.
Twe got several friends

who I'm sure would be willing to chuck me in, but you've got to put me in with a catapult. That's my style,"

Fifty balls of groundbait, he admitted yesterday, is a lot of balls. The most one would usually put in at any one time is six, so that part of the river is likely to attract veritable shoals of fish.

Mr Hodge acknowledged that if other anglers were to discover where his bait balls were going to be placed, they may well come and fish in that stretch. But he says he has no concerns that one of his friends - or even his wife - might end up eating him.

No one eats bream. Eventually the fish will die, or they'll get eaten by eels or birds," he said. "Somebody should be able to catch them. For the rest of time I'll be swimming up and down that

His wife, he says, is perfectly happy with the arrangement. In the meantime, the

bream can look forward to a veritable feast. "They may have a bit of a wait yet," said Mr Hodge, who is aged 51. "But you never know, do



Baited death: Keen angler Pete Hodge - the Groundbalt King - has requested his ashes are made into fish food

Photograph: Rob Stratton

### Spacewalk may not solve Mir's problems

Charles Artinur Science Editor

is the time course.

A dangerous spacewalk to restore full power on board the Mir space station could go ahead tomorrow, after the three astronauts on board managed to restart a malfunctioning computer that had left them in a tumbling orbit.

But the problem prompted the Russian mission controller. Victor Blagov, to comment: "We really have to decide soon whether we need safety or mon-

Mir had been in a chaotic orbit for almost 24 hours after a computer system crashed on trying to dock with a cargo

ship. Yesterday the three men two Russians and a British-American, Michael Foale restarted the 11-year-old system, meaning that the space station can be reoriented so that its solar panels will catch the sun. When the computer failed,

the station automatically switched off all but vital life sup-Mr Blagov said the cosmo-

nauts might take a spacewalk to Mir's holed and airless Spektr module tomorrow, a day later than initially scheduled. "Once they have the computer running and solar panels oriented to the

by at least 30 per cent since Spektr was holed in a collision with an uncrewed cargo ship on 25 June, during docking practice. It was the worst accident yet. The cosmonauts must enter the module to reconnect electric cables from Spektr's

solar panels to the main ship. Mr Blagov also complained that a lack of cash was behind Monday's computer crash, as Mir equipment has to be used until virtually falls apart. The faulty computer unit, which exchanges data between all peripheral system parts and the computer



An anxious moment in ion control yesterday

centre, had not been changed for almost II years, he added. "This interface malfunctioned. Unfortunately it happened during a docking procedure. During a routine light there would be no consequences," Mr Blagov said. Even so, Mir's commander, Anatoly Solovyov, managed to complete a safe docking manually.

### Murdered nurse's brother keeps clemency option open for Britons

The brother of a nurse allegedy murdered by two British coleagues in Saudi Arabia spoke esterday of the power of life and death he will wield over the Britons if they are found guilty.

But, speaking in conciliato-ry tones for the first time, Frank Gilford said he had not ruled out a plea for clemency on the vomen's behalf.

"There is no foregone conclusion that we are going to say right, we want their heads chopped off," Mr Gilford told Reuters news agency in a ref-erence to the public beheading that could await Deborah Parry, 38, and Lucille McLauchlan, 31, if they are convicted of ling Yvonne Gilford last year.

Mr Gilford and his mother, Muriel, 84, have the right to demand the death penalty under Saudi law. Until now, his stance has appeared to be firmly in favour of beheading, but yes-terday his tone sounded softer.

"We have not ruled out the death penalty, but then again we have not ruled it in." he said from his home in Jamestown, north of Adelaide. "We have never demanded it definitely had to be the death penalty. We have not knocked back our option of exercising our rights [to

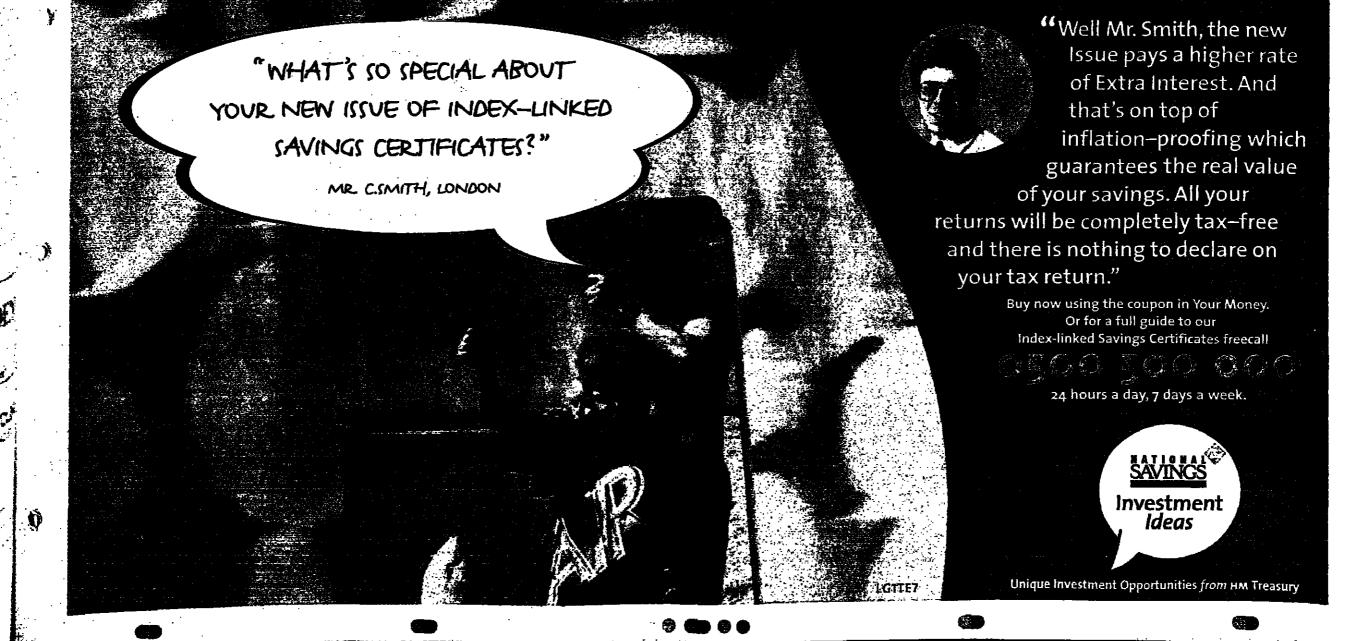
grant clemency.

for the court to make a decision and then we can say right, we can look at it." Asked how he felt with the Saudi court's verdict expected soon, Mr Gilford said: "Not very comfortable. It is not a situation I would wish on my worst enemy, it is a position I do not feel any per-

son should be put in."
His sister's body was discovered in her room at the King Fahd medical complex in Dhahran last December. She had been stabbed, beaten and suffocated. Yesterday, Mr Gilford launched what appeared to be a legal move to outflank the British nurses' lawyers in an

his mother was not competent to demand the death penalty which must be called for by the victim's family unanimously because she was suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

Mr Gilford applied to be made her guardian so that he could make her demand for her. However, he said his motives were not designed to guarantee a death penalty. "My motivation is to look after my family unit. All this is doing is to pick on a poor old lady who is 84 and whose only crime is to be old and feeble and to have a daugh-



# Bird leaves speed team with nothing to crow about . R.



Road worthy: Colin Fallows, driving a jet-powered racing car, tries to break the British land speed at Elvington airfield, near York, yesterday

Charles Arthur Science Editor

A wayward crow put paid to an attempt to break the British land speed record vesterday, when it crashed into the air intake of a jetpowered drag racing car travelling at 150mph. The mishap happened

at Elvington airfield, near York, when Colin Fallows was accelerating towards the target of 259 mph on the first run of the day in his specially adapted car, aiming to break the 17-year-old record.

The damage prevented the jet engine from working to capacity but even so Mr Fallows, 47, aver-

aged 248.27mph over a quarter of a mile run during a later attempt

"The accident meant we were running 100mph short of our target. It's one of those things with record breaking - one day it works and the next day it doesn't," said Mr Fallows, an engineer from

Hartwell in Northamptonshire. "I'm not a big fan of wildlife at the moment, but we'll be back another day. We'll go back and have a considerable number of beers tonight and then find the spare parts, fix it and come back again."
No date was determined for the

The existing British record was set by Richard Noble, who is currently preparing to challenge his own world record of 633mph and break the speed of sound in a jetpowered machine during September or October at the Black Rock Desert, Nevada, in the United

Mr Fallows had hoped to break the record and reach an average speed of over 300mph on the quarter-mile run in his car, nicknamed Vampire, which is 8.8 metres long and powered by a Rolls-Royce jet engine taken from an RAF Red Arrows Gnat aircraft. On previous runs it has been unofficially clocked at 266mph. To qualify for a record, the car must make two runs timed by independent officials over a quartermile stretch of road or runway: the official speed is then the average of the two. Mr Fallows had hoped to exceed 300 mph in his 16-year-

### Girls in adult jails, ruled unlawful

Crime Correspondent

Locking up young female offenders with adult women criminals was ruled unlawful yesterday by the High Court. i ne decision is likely to causi the Prison Service significant

disruption and expense and force them to find new places for female offenders aged under 21. The ruling is expected to affect up to 80 young female inmates who are currently in adult women jails. Eight of the 14 women's pris-

ons have specialist wings for young offenders, but they are full at present as the prison population continues to accelerate. There are currently 2,799 female prisoners in England and Wales,

of which 382 are aged under 21.
Mr Justice Sedley and Mr
Justice Astill yesterday ruled
that the Home Office policy under which all young female offenders are sent automatically to one of five adult prisons for assessment and allocation to young offender units was un-lawful. Young male criminals are usually sent to specialist institutions rather than adult jails.

The Home Office will now be forced to reconsider the policy.
The move follows the case of a 16-year-old who spent 15 days in Risley Prison, Cheshire, sharing cells with adult prisoners, be-

fore being released on bail. The judges were told that the girl, referred to as F, had now been found a place at Styal women's prison in Cheshire, which had facilities for juveniles, and was no longer threatened with return to Risley.

eight months for robbery, assaulting a police officer, disorderly behaviour and other

In a judicial review hearing, her counsel. Ian Wise, argued for young offenders should be exercised only in individual cases and in exceptional circumstances, whereas the practice was applied to all juvenile girls.

Mr Wise said: "There are, of course, no young offender in-stitutions specifically for fe-males, only female prisons which have been designated as having a dual purpose for adult

and young offenders."

The judges said they would give reasons for their decision to rule the practice unlawful at a later date, but added that in the meantime, the Home Office "may be able to consider what it can and should do to meet the legal situation as we hold it to

Robin Tam, for the Home Office, said the fact that all girls were sent initially to prison did not mean their cases were not being individually considered. The prison authorities needed to assess each case to make a rational decision on placement.

The case follows a recent report by the Chief Inspector of Prisons, Sir David Ramsbotham, in which he expressed concern about the mixing of girl offenders with adult female prisoners.

The Howard League for Penal Reform, which supported the case, said the practice is in breach of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.



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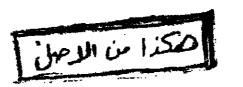
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### IRA inmates moved from special units

Jason Bennetto Crime Correspondent

The 13 most dangerous IRA prisoners held in Britain have been moved out of their topsecurity units in the run-up to the Northern Ireland peace

talks, it was revealed yesterday. The men are to enjoy less restrictive regimes after having their security status downgraded. The move was condemned

by Unionists who accused the Government of being weak on terrorism. Sinn Fein gave the news a guarded welcome.

The men include the six terrorists jailed for 35 years each in July for attempting to bring chaos to the South-east by blowing up electricity sub-stations. This included senior IRA members Gerard Hanratty, 38, and John Crawley, a 40-year-old former US Marine, who were

released from prison terms dur-ing the last ceasefire.

The move means that there will no longer be any IRA prisoners, either charged or convicted, held in the three Special Secure Units at Belmarsh in south-east London, Whitemoor in Cambridgeshire and Full

Instead the men have been placed in the high-security wings of the three jails plus pris-

Long Lartin, Worcestershire, and Wakefield, West Yorkshire. The special unit at Full Sutton

is now to be "mothballed".

The decision to downgrade their security category from exceptional risk Category A to high risk Category A follows information from MI5 and the police that the risk of escape had decreased, the Prison Service said yesterday. One other in-

links, has also been moved.

The men will now be allowed greater freedom to mix with other inmates and use general facilities and can have open visits" with relatives in which they will be able to touch one another. All visitors to the secure units, which still hold about 20 inmates, are prevented from contact with prisoners by a glass screen. There are 27 IRA members in English jails. Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, and Joyce Quin, the Prisons Minister, agreed to the decision to move the IRA men out of the security units. Coming four weeks before the start of talks on the Province's future at which Sinn Fein is expected to be represented for the first

cession to nationalists who have

long criticised the conditions in

which IRA members are kept. John Taylor, the deputy leader of the Ulster Unionists, accused ministers of acting "recklessly" and of ignoring police advice in the face of a continuing terrorist threat. "It seems to me that the police on both sides of the border remain concerned that there will be a return to IRA violence," he said. time, they are seen as a conlan Paisley Jnr, the Democ-

ratic Unionist Party's justice

gramme for terrorist prisoners. This status downgrade will ... weaken the structure and control exercised over some of the most dangerous terrorist criminals in Europe," he said.

spokesman, claimed the Gov-

ernment was preparing public

opinion for an early release pro-

Sinn Fein, meanwhile, said that it will continue to press for the transfer and release of all

### Auditor to name junket councillors

Christian Wolman Westminster Correspondent

More than 40 councillors and council officers in Doncaster have received letters from the district auditor warning them they are to be named and criticised in a report into the jun-

keting scandal at the council. The letters have prompted Labour councillors to start paying £10 a week into a special legal fund to seek advice should the district auditor threaten them with surcharge or repayment of hospitality.

Most of the recipients of the letters are councillors and include virtually all the leading councillors on the Labour-dominated council purged from their committee positions after the allegations of unauthorised foreign trips and boozy lunches were first reported in The Independent earlier this year.

In addition a few former councillors, including ex-leader Gordon Gallimore, and senior officers, including former chief executive Doug Hale, are relating to a trip to Germany.

Several councillors, including at least one Tory, have started repaying the cost of hospitality received in an effort to allay criticism but police sources have indicated this will not exempt them from prosecution s investigations reveal that a crime has been committed.

The district auditor first revealed in February his concerns

that trips to many parts of the world, including China, Poland, Germany and the United States may not have been properly sanctioned by the council.

There are two other inquiries into allegations of wrongdoing at the council. The police are focusing on allegations that some developers were given favourable treatment while the council itself is also looking at mismanagement.

While the letters suggest that the recipients will be criticised in the report, the aim is to give them one last chance to explain their conduct. A council source said: "Many of the councillors are appalled about what they have been sent and are hoping they can meet the district auditor to discuss the allegations." The district auditor has giv-

en the recipients until the end of the month to respond but as it is the holiday period, they will probably have a couple of weeks' grace. The Labour group on Don-

caster voted on Monday to request its 58 members contribute known to have received letters £10 per week out of their own pockets, up to a maximum of £100, to enable the group to seek legal advice collectively.

While most have agreed to pay the amount, several have refused. One refusenik told The Independent: "Tve done nought see why they are getting joint le gal advice, when each case is different depending on how many trips they went on."



Life-choice: Child members of the Bruderhof Anabaptist community demonstrated for the abolition of the death penalty outside the American Embassy in London yesterday. Other members of Bruderhof, which has communities in Kent and East Sussex, are today marching to SCI Greene, a death row prison in Pennsylvania Photograph: Nicola Kurtz

### Police investigate death of actor who hanged on stage

Kim Sengupta

Police in Greece have launched an investigation into whether the hanging death of a young British actor playing Judas in the musical Jesus Christ Superstar was an accident or suicide.

More than 600 spectators, including young children, were left shocked and distressed when they saw the body of Anthony Wheeler, 26, dangling from a prop rope at the open-air show in the scene where Judas takes his own life.

Mr Wheeler had been working at the same show at the Sani Beach hotel in the Halkidiki peninsula for the past three three summers, and was experienced at his act. He was supposed to suspend himself from a scaffold on the stage and free himself when the lights went out. It has been reported that he had failed to take the normal precaution of attaching a safety harness which could have saved his life during the performance on Sunday.

Two leading animal welfare charities yesterday urged peo-

ple to neuter their pets to pre-

vent the country being overrun

The Cats Protection League

said the risk of a "plague" of cats, fuelled mainly by unwanted and abandoned kittens, was now so

great that it had launched a na-

tionwide neutering campaign to prevent the problem becom-

ing an "epidemic".

by stray cats and dogs, writes Kate Watson-Smyth.



Wheeler: Worked on the show for three years

Nikos Vassiliadis, a coroner at nearby Salonika, said: "We know the death was a result of strangulation by rope. It is either an accident or a suicide, but that is for the police to decide".

He added that tests were being carried out to ascertain whether there was any physical ailment which could have caused Mr Wheeler to forget to

ty said there were at least 1 mil-

lion unneutered cats in Britain

and that figure could multiply to more than 7 million by the

One single female cat, over

five years, can be directly responsible for as many as 20,000

Mike McCawley, chief executive of the League, said: "The public, especially so-called cat

overs, need further education

year 2010.

iescendants.

Andreas Birner, sales and marketing manager at Sani Beach, said that Mr Wheeler had a new girlfriend and did not appear to be depressed. He said: "Last year he was on his own, but this year he had a girlfriend. Her name is Nicole and she is German. Obviously she is depressed, and she has gone

back to Germany. "The coroner's report has been delayed because of the police inquiry, but we hope it

Dimitris Hatziyannakis, manager of Sani Beach, said: "We don't know how it happened. He had worked for us for three years. You can imagine the pandemonium when it happened. There were people screaming and crying and the other actors were terribly shocked. He was a pleasant hard-working person and popular with his colleagues."

As the audience, many in tears, were hurriedly cleared the show's director tried unsuc-

tering their cat, they are de-

stroying its quality of life.
"It's truly amazing that peo-ple will allow their cats to re-

more vulnerable to contagious

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produce constantly.

Wheeler. A number of the guests, mostly from Britain and Germany, were taking part in the musical in minor roles.

Mr Wheeler, a single man. was a member of a company of around 25 performers who appeared at a number of hotels in the resort area. One hotel official said: "We have had telephone calls from England from people who had known him in the past. They are very upset to hear the news.'

British Embassy officials in Athens have been in touch with Mr Wheeler's family, who live near Banbury in Oxfordshire. They are waiting for the return of his body, which would follow the presentation of the coroner's report. Charles Bird, head of the litical section at the British Embassy in Athens, said: "We have extended our sympathy to the family of Mr Wheeler. We are in regular touch with the Greek officials. Officially we have been told that death is due to strangulation."

ing taken in by local authorities. In a MORI survey commis-

sioned by the country's largest

dog welfare charity, the Na-tional Canine Defence League,

it was discovered that 106,000

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In step: Members of the San Francisco Ballet at a warm-up class before rehearsal for yesterday's performance at the Edinburgh Playhouse.

The dancers are performing several pieces throughout this week at the Edinburgh International Festival

Photograph: Geraint Lewis

ncers are performing several pieces throughout this week at the Edinburgh International Festival

**Devolution:** Disciplinary move dominates Scotland's big day as Welsh get cash promise

### Row over MP's death eclipses 'yes' campaign

Fran Abrams Political Correspondent

The campaign for a "yes-yes" vote in Scotland's referendum on devolution struggled to get off the ground yesterday amid the growing row over the death of the Paisley MP Gordon Mc-

Both the Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott, and the Minister Without Portfolio, Peter Mandelson, were expected to visit Scotland later this week to give their backing to the ini-

Labour is to launch its own "yes" campaign today, but yes-terday's joint press conference with the Scottish National Party and the Liberal Democrats

was overshadowed by the announcement of disciplinary action against the MP for money on HCI hospital. West Renfrewshire, Tommy

Donald Dewar, the Secretary of State for Scotland and leader of the Scottish Labour Party, appealed to journalists not to ignore the important issues surrounding the devolution vote on 11 September because of the

events in Paisley. "I think it is a serious matter that's been seriously addressed. When the party has something to say about it, it will say it on the merit of its findings," he said. "This press conference is not about that. I hope you will respect that."

Mr Dewar was speaking at a briefing organised by Scotland Forward – the first to bring together the country's three political parties.

He was joined by Alex Salmond, leader of the SNP, and Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrats' foreign affairs added.

Mr Salmond, whose party oined Scotland Forward only after a closely-argued debate, said he believed there would be a great deal of interest in the

"A Scottish parliament wouldn't have had the poll tax,"

parliament wouldn't have had the Skye Bridge tolls or wasted

"A lot of concentration has been given to undemocratic decisions taken by Westmin-Later, an SNP spokesman tried to throw a positive light on the clash between the launch

and the Paisley announcement, arguing that Labour's problems in Scotland made the case for a Scottish Parliament even "These problems are the

problems of the status quo and of the first past the post voting system. We clearly need a new kind of politics in Scotland," the spokesman said.

The proposed voting system for the Parliament, under which 76 members would be elected through a first past the post system and a further 56 on a proportional basis from party lists, would not necessarily deliver Labour an absolute majority, he

Brian Monteith, co-ordinator of the Think Twice campaign against devolution, said: "We think the campaign is in a tailspin. We think the stench coming from areas such as Paisley, Monklands, Glasgow and Govan is becoming overpow-

### **Quango cuts** to cover cost of assembly

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The £20m it is expected to cost to run a Welsh Assembly would be more than met by cuts in the £826m spent annually by the principality's ubiquitous quangos, Ron Davies, the Secretary of State for Wales, said yester-

day.
"This is the definitive blow that sidelines the 'no' campaign," Mr Davies told a news conference in Cardiff. "Even the Tories concede that devolution will not lead to the break-up of the United Kingdom and now it is clear that savings from quangos will at least equal the assembly's running costs."

Mr Davies promised that there would be no cuts to hos-pitals or schools as a result of running the assembly. He added: "As well as immediate savings, I shall be looking at efficiency savings from the whole of the quango state to help me meet my pledge to the

Welsh people."

Among the 81 quangos in Wales, five big spenders will be axed initially: The Welsh Development Agency (annual budget £150m), the Development Board for Rural Wales (£20m) and the Land Anthority for Wales (£27.5m) will be merged to form what Mr Davies described as an economic powerhouse.

Consultations are already in train between the three at board level to identify savings. At present, the chief executives of the three bodies all earn more than £70,000 a year. Paring down head offices - there are two in Cardiff and one in Newtown, Mid Wales - will produce further savings. The amal-

gamation inevitably means redundancies, and severance pay-ments may constrain the initial

impact of the change. The Cardiff Bay Development Corporation - chaired by Sir Geoffrey Inkin, who unsuccessfully contested Ebbw Vale for the Tories at the 1979 election and now earns £34,000 a year for two-and-a-half days' work per week - and the Residual Body for Wales will be wound up before the assembly convenes. The Development



Ron Davies: Savings will pay for new administration

Corporation's annual expendi-ture tops £50m, with the residual body spending £900,000.
The assembly, which is due to

begin sitting in 1999, will be empowered to abolish or restructure most of the remaining quangos, which range from the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (annual budget £236m) to the little-known Place Names Advisory Committee, a minuscule body which consults infrequently, usually by

#### DAILY POEM

**Auid Men At Dysart Cross** 

By William Hershaw

In fog of Forth, in morning frost or sun, the auld men pass the time at Dysart Cross. There's two I know – one gyte and half-ways drunk, the other crabbit, dow, shut as a door.
The daft one dances on the cobble stones
and talks to strangers whether folk or dogs.
Laughing at life, he hands the bairn ten pence.
The sour one has a suitcase and a stick: the gruffest nod, the most laconic 'Aye' he looks away, a sever scrieved on his face.
Both hardened by how long they've weathered life
below the Knock, untouched by what is new,
the acid rain and ultra-violet sun these cannot harm them as they harm the young

William Hershaw teaches English in Kirkcaldy and plays gui-tar and mandolin in a folk band. This poem comes from *The* Cowdenbeath Man, his first collection, published by Scottish Cultural Press (£4.95).



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### Deaths propel jet-skis into safety row

Steve Boggan

Calls for a ban on dangerous jetski riders are growing following a number of tragedies at home and abroad, the latest of which resulted in the death of a 17vear-old girl.

The Royal Society for the so that they won't go on the Prevention of Accidents water and be foolhardy." (RoSPA) yesterday added its pulsory training after disturbing reports of dangerous driving including an incident in which one jet-skier rode his machine

undérneath a catamaran ferry. Last week, Faye Grundy became the latest victim of a jetski accident when she and her uncle. Tony Gee, 36, collided with a speedboat on Queenford lake in Berinsfield. Oxfordshire. There is no suggestion that Mr Gee was at fault, but experts are concerned that, like him, anyone can hire 50mph machines with only the most

basic instruction. We would like to see some sort of national accreditation scheme so that people are

trained before using these "At the very least, we believe people should be taken out personally by an instructor, giv-en tuition and then assessed for the popularity of the sport

RoSPA wants to encourage

its on the water and it wants those in Florida; two months later, police itself. We wouldn't like ing the machines unless they pass machines," said Richard Tiben- limits rigorously enforced. "There Paul Byram, 24, was killed in a ham, a spokesman for RoSPA. should be very stiff fines for offenders," said Mr Tibenham.

Making waves: A jet-skier riding between the piers at Brighton yesterday. Pressure is growing for tighter regulations after recent tragedies

dents has increased in line with raised over tighter regulations the popularity of the sport - was in 1994 when Phillippa their competence and attitude, there are an estimated 10,000 owners in Britain. Last August, Corporal Sandy McCauley, 26, died after being hit by a freak voice to the demands for com- more local authorities to intro- wave which flipped his machine

#### Ducking costs a £100 fine

knocked the sunbathing ducks off a canal bank. Nottingham magistrates fined him the maximum £100 for speeding on the Beeston Canal near the city.

The magistrates were told that the powerboat was trav-

The number of jet-ski acci-

fine yesterday - for giving six ducks a soaking.

Sivananva Vincent, a 30year-old artist, was booked by British Waterways officials after a wave from his craft

elling at 20mph - five times over the limit. Bob Oates, for the prosecution, said one witness described it as the worst case of speeding he had seen on the canal. Tax workers in a nearby office reported Vincent after they

saw the ducks swept into the Vincent, of Attenborough, Nottinghamshire, was also fined £250 for not possessing a pleasure boat licence and ordered to pay £340 costs.

collision with a motor boat on training is important."

Pickmere lake in Cheshire. In America, it took a tragic The last time voices were accident involving the singer Gloria Estefan to wake up the authorities to the dangers of jet-Baker, 21, and Paul Grundy, 28, skis. The star was in her twinfrom Manchester, were killed engined powerboat off Miami when they collided with other Beach when a 29-year-old jetholidaymakers on a jet-ski while skier ran into her boat and was on holiday in Turkey.

killed. Both craft had been travelling at 40mph. The same rules governing the hire of jet-skis in Turkey applied After she campaigned for at British holiday resorts - very controls on jet-skis, the state of few - but the Government took Florida introduced laws banning

under-21s on holiday from hir-

legislation but we do believe a 20-point test. Local youngsters who regularly use boats and jetskis must attend an eight-hour course on safety before being allowed on the water.

So far, there is no national legislation covering safety of jet-skis on Britain's waterways Instead, individual resorts and local authorities have introduced ad-hoc, irregular, by-laws. Some, like Blackpool and Bournemouth, have introduced speed limits, while others, like Newquay, have banned them on the grounds of noise pollution.

'were not drunk' Bell, 26, Tim Carter, 27, Steven Wolstencroft 26, Steven Girvan

A British tourist who accuses five British soldiers of carrying out a vicious assault in a Cyprus holiday resort was yesterday involved in an angry slanging match with defence lawyers at their trial.

Sacha Wright, a 20-year-old waitress, was told she was not in a position to identify the alleged assailants, who left two of her friends bloodied and needing hospital treatment.

Ms Wright reacted with dismay as it was suggested that her group of four British tourists. wo male and two female, had started the fight after a heavy drinking bout.

Why are you questioning me about the drink? This is about my friend being attacked," she said. "We were not drunk. We were on holiday trying to enjoy ourselves."

The day before, her friend Claire Harbour, a 22-year-old nursery nurse, had been reduced to tears in the witness box, after two hours of questioning.

She said later: "It was horrible. I felt like I was in the dock rather than being a victim. What did I do to deserve this?"

Yesterday, during three hours of questioning Ms Wright, Mr Tasso Katsikides and fellow defence lawyer John Mylonas tried to prove that the prosecution witnesses could not be certain in identifying the

Five riflemen, all from the 1st Battalion, King's Regiment, deny causing grievous bodily harm and actual bodily harm to Mr Bell, 23, Mr Ford, 23, and 22-year-old Miss Harbour outside a disco at Ayia Napa on 2 August.

Four of the soldiers - Roger

20 - are on trial at the current hearing.

The fifth, 20-year-old Stuart Spencer, is being tried sepa-

Describing the attackers Miss Wright said: "Most had shaved heads, some had eyes which to me seemed scary and they were big men, especially Stuart Spencer."

Having to pick out the men at a police identity parade was an ordeal, she said, adding: "I was scared because I had to put my hand on the chest of a man who attacked my friend."

Although Miss Harbour had picked out Steve Wolstencroft as one of her attackers. Miss Wright said she could not place him at the scene of the attack.

"I don't recognise him," she said as she looked at Wolstencroft. "I can't say I'm sure he was there.

But, she said, she definitely saw soldier Stuart Spencer throwing punches at victim Barry Ford.

"I saw Spencer beating up my friend. I saw him going in," she told the court.

She strongly denied sugges tions by Mr Katsikides that Ford and friend Shane Bell, both from London, started the fight with one soldier, telling the lawyer. "I don't know what you're talking about."

The judge, Michalis Christodoulou, then told Mr Katsikides: "You are taking far too much time and going into too much detail because under normal circumstances we would be hearing one witness every hour, not every four hours."

The trial was adjourned until today, when Mr Bell and Mr Ford are due to give evidence.



Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

Health ministers will order urgent action to clear hospital beds blocked by the elderly and make way for emergency cases this winter, it emerged yes-

Thousands of old people are occupying hospital beds even though they no longer need clinical care and would be better off looked after at home. But failures by health and social services managers to work together are preventing them being moved, leading to longer wait-

on hospitals. Ministers have ordered officials to prepare the NHS to cope with winter pressures. They are determined to avoid the situation of patients queueing on trollies and being turned away from hospitals because beds are full.

Evidence of the blocked beds is being gathered by Alan Lang-lands, chief executive of the NHS, who is touring the country with Sir Herbert Laming, chief inspector of social services. They have found that neighbouring health authorities with similar hospital provision and demographic profiles have very different experience of the

problem. A health department spokesman said: "Three years ago Birmingham had awful problems getting patients into hospital in winter.

Then health and social services managers got together and last year, although they were under the same pressures as everyone else, it was not a problem. There are similar examples elsewhere."

The spokesman said experi-ence showed that collaboration between social services and health authorities "demonstrably works".

Mr Langlands and Sir Herbert will submit a report on their findings to Paul Boateng, the health minister, at the end of their tour and a circular will be issued next month advising health authorities on the action they should take. Where problems cannot be sorted out, Frank Dobson, the health sec-retary, has said he will person-

home. Figures to be published today are expected to show a record 13 per cent increase in hospital waiting lists, the biggest single annual rise since the NHS began in 1948. The latest rise of 136,000 patients will take the total to 1.18 million. Ministers privately admit that Labour's manifesto pledge to

Responsible jet-skiers and im-

porters have tried to keep the

Marine Industry Federation.

alised for several years. Dr Evan Harris, liberal democrat health spokesman. accused the government of trying to shed responsibility for its

cut waiting lists will not be re-

dequate spending plans. "To pin the blame on social services, the health secretary has invented a macabre Christmas game for the winter months -'pass the patient'."

Mr Harris added: "Health professionals are aware that some elderly patients are stay-ing in hospital too long, which is bad for them and not cost effective. But this is not a largescale problem when compared to the beds crisis the NHS will be facing this winter."

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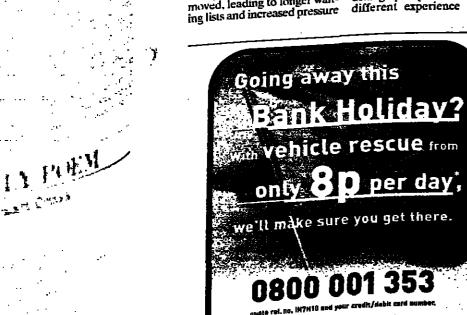
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# Peace-keepers walk the thin blue line dr



**Robert Fisk** joins a Norwegian UN patrol in Bourhoz, southern Lebanon



"Martini please, Bob - shaken, one of their Katyushas shrieked not stirred." Wicked laughter comes from the Norwegian rifle squad's 1st platoon. Second Lieutenant Vidar "Sims" Simensen, lazing in his deckchair in the morning sunshine on the mortar platform, looks uncannily like the young Scan Connery - and The Independent's man in southern Lebanon clearly qualifies as a mere honorary private. Only cola. lemon juice and milk is stored in the platoon fridge at United Nations Observation Post 4-27; but Elias Khoury, the local Maronite grocer, runs a makeshift restaurant up the road. The pla-

door. Tough life. I'm thinking. these UN guys have. But then there's the little matter of the gun position on the hill above - De Facto Forces Position N329 on the UN maps and mountain ridges, of gentle which just happens to be the most attacked Israeli compound in the Norwegian battalion's UN area, overrun last year by 70 Hizbollah fighters who crept up the cliffs of the Litani river valley and stormed into the artillery battery under mortar and rocket fire. Last time the

toon has a two-way phone link

to his "Hard Rock Café" so that

pizzas can be delivered door-to-

over Sims and his men and exploded in a nearby field. The Norwegians prefer mortars. "The Israelis and the armed elements [Hizbollah] are very good at firing mortars," Sims says. "We're happy about that - because it means they don't

Through the "binos" on top of 1st Platoon's observation tower, I can see a T-54 tank standing beneath an earth revetment. And across the valley to the east, four 155mm gun barrels - pale grey in the morning heat - bristle from another fortress of concrete and earth. Israel's fruitless, hopeless war against the Hizbollah - who have been struggling against the 2,000-strong Israeli occupation force and its South Lebanon Army militia allies here for 13 years - is set amid breath-taking scenery of parched wadis olive groves and wind-thrashed cliffs above the Litani river.

Sims calls a platoon briefing. I will be put on the day march before being allowed on a night patrol above the Hizbollah's infiltration paths. The men sip juice as Sims uses a coloured marker to draw a map on the guerrillas took a shot at N329. back of a metal sheet. Roger



On alert: Keeping watch (left) and patrolling the UN zone have limited success in protecting villagers from both Hizbollah and Israel's secret police

Nikolaisen, at 33 the oldest in the platoon, sports a stunning tattoo of a naked blonde on his right arm, a relic of his days as a merchant seaman which bestowed upon him marriage and divorce and the maintenance of two children. Gunnar Schanke, bespectacled, an ex-security guard from Stavanger, has a crew-cut so short the platoon say his head is their emergency heli-pad. Morton Haagenstad, a 23-year-old car mechanic from Trondheim, is waiting for his 36-year old girlfriend to arrive on holiday in Beirut with

'We'll walk to Fort Noram and across the trail down the Blue Line, then through Bourhoz," the platoon commander says. The old South African police truck - sold to the UN and nicknamed Adolf because of its vicious associations with apartheid - takes us to a

her two children.

hillside of thorny bushes and grey boulders, a few of which have been splashed with pale blue paint. "You walk between these stones because we've cleared the path of mines," Sims says with Bond-like finality. "Outside the stones, you can go up in smoke." The thorns dig into the fabric of my army boots and tear at my trousers. The sun burns into our flak jackets until dark stains move across our shirts. I watch the blue line with the dedication of a rat.

They say when the Hizbollah bodies are found, that they've all been wired up." Sims is muttering ahead of me. They want to take their enemies with them after death. So motto number one: Never touch a dead Hizbollah." The powerful, vital folk-lore of guerrilla warfare comes in bits and pieces as we pat the in-

sects off our clothes. "They use fake rocks as

bombs now. We've found half a mobile phone in one of them

#### Netanyahu warns over rocket attacks

Jerusalem. (Reuter) - Pro-Iranian Hizbollah fighters in Lebanon rained scores of Katyusha rockets on northern israel esterday prompting a threat from Benjamin Netanyahu of a tough israeli response. Israel's northern Gafflee

"If there is no quiet on the Israeli

side of the border there will not be quiet on the Lebanon side," the Prime Minister said while standing in a rocket-damaged house in Kiryat Shimona. A man was wounded in rocket attacks on the town and other parts of

- both sides use the same method. You set the thing up. take position and dial the number - BANG!" Walking slowly past a field of unexploded cluster bombs. I remember the Hamas bomber in Gaza who was assassinated by the Israelis. He picked up his mobile phone

when it rang - and it blew most

of his head off. Far below us, I catch glimpses of pale green pools shaded by fir trees as the Litani froths through the gorge. We pad through the long grass to a palisade of sandbags smothered in cement, perched on a precipice

All around us on the mountain-tops are more grey forts, all manned by the Israelis or their militia allies, all waiting for an attack. More than 75 per cent of the Israeli stockades are built underground. Their artillery is fired automatically by

their troglodyte defenders. Only we live on the surface of the earth, watching the insect-

Last year, a Norwegian night patrol was fired on by an Israeli tank just round the corner of the gorge. One of the Norwegians was hit by a fleshette shell – an artillery round containing 8.000 steel-tipped darts – and fell almost 100 feet down the mountains ide where he lay firing 30 tain-side where he lay, firing 20 bullets into the air from his rifle to show his comrades he was still alive. By the time they reached him, he had bled to

swarming trails.

Sims has not forgotten the incident. The heat is suffocating but he practises for an ambush, kneeling to fire across the Litani then running as Nikolaisen and Haagenstad and Schanke fire their rifles at the same distant rock, the bullets cracking over the gorge and re-

echoing down the valley. For 19 years. I reflect, the Norwegians have been patrolling this terrain and guarding their acres of UN turf, for most of the time deep within Israel's occupation zone. And to what end? They have prevented the Israelis building artillery batteries inside the UN zone - but the Israelis have littered the valleys around it with their gun pits. They have, sometimes, forced the Hizbollah to turn back. They have given some measure of protection to the Christian and Druze villagers who fear both Hizbollah's brutal intrusions and the equally brutal attentions of Israel's Shin Bet

secret police. But of course, they have not stopped the war. And as if to prove it, Sims turns to me and says: "You'll come with us on the night patrol - that's when

### l'eamsters win deal over part-time jobs

Washington

A two-week strike at the transport company, United Parcel Service, that was widely seen as a barometer of industrial relations in the United States, was resolved in the early hours of yes-terday morning with "tentative" terday morning with "tentative" and the meagreness of union agreement on a new five-year contract between the company

and the meagreness of union strike pay - \$55 (£34) a week.

Details of the agreement, as and the Teamsters Union. The agreement followed 80 hours of talks in a Washington hotel, moderated by the Labour Sec-

belonging to the company described as "corporate America's mail service" were already reappearing on the streets vesterday. News of the deal had been greeted with jubilation on the picket lines overnight, where restlessness was starting to set in over the length of the strike

presented separately by the Teamsters leader. Ron Carey, and UPS officials, indicated that the union had achieved retary, Alexis Herman. many of its objectives, notably
Although the agreement has on the subject of part-time many of its objectives, notably still to be voted on by union working. The number of fullmembers, there seemed little time jobs will be increased by doubt that it would be accepted and the familiar brown vans pay for part-timers will be pro-

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trol of its members' pension joyed widespread sympathy.
The chairman of UPS, James fund. UPS had wanted to set up a new fund, jointly administered by itself and the union.

For the public, however, the key issue of the strike was the use and treatment of part-time workers. The union's case rested on complaints that UPS paid part-timers half the full-timers' hourly rate and that the company cut costs by recruiting part-timers in preference to full-timers, not promoting part-timers into full-time positions and increasing its use of sub-contractors. Opinion polls showed a clear majority of Americans siding with the workers – an unusual development

Kelly, very much on the defensive, said yesterday that the settlement remained "within the financial parameters set before the negotiations". He warned, however, that the strike had "hurt us a great deal" and that some customers would not be back. This would cost jobs how many would be determined in coming weeks. One UPS official forecast that as many as 15,000 could be laid off.

Mr Kelly also stressed that the pay increase and rise in fulltime jobs were conditional on UPS increasing turnover. Be-fore the strike, UPS had 80 per record levels - meant that it was seen as a sign of the times rather in a country where unions and cent of the US market for

The union also retains con- strikes have generally not en- transporting packages, but its two-week absence encouraged many newer, smaller companies to expand their services. The US Mail service also moved to pick

up UPS business. The strike was the biggest and longest in the United States in two decades and was carefully monitored for signs that the labour movement, which has been in decline since the Sixties, could be on the verge of a revival. The solidity of the strike and the nature of the dispute resentment on the part of workers that their pay and security employers' profits had risen to

### Capitalists fund N Korea's nuclear reactors

A consortium of capitalist nations broke ground yesterday for a landmark nuclear project in Communist North Korea that Washington and Seoul have said is key to preserving peace on the peninsula. Puffs of pink, green, orange and yellow smoke belched from a hillside in the north-eastern town of Kumho as officials of the Korean Peninsula Energy Development

Organisation (Kedo) triggered a "symbolic blast". Kedo, led by the US, South Korea and Japan, is responsible for financing two 1,000MW light-water reactors at an estimated cost of \$4.5-\$5bn (£2.8-3bn). The reactors are to be delivered in return for Pyongyang's 1994 promise to freeze and eventually dismantle its suspected atomic weapons programme.

### Banja Luka police chief arrested

Milan Sutilovic, the newly appointed police chief of Banja Luka, a man loyal to Bosnian Serb President Biljana Plavsic, was arrested by state security controlled by indicted war criminal Radovan Karadzic. Ms Plavsic has been locked in a power struggle with Karadzic loyalists. Reuters - Sarajevo

### Peking jails son of party boss

China has sentenced the high-flying son of the disgraced former Peking Communist Party chief to 12 years in prison for corruption. Chen Xiaotong, son of former Peking party boss and Polithuro member Chen Xitong, was convicted of taking bribes and misusing public funds. Reuters – Peking

### Mandela to host Sudan talks

President Nelson Mandela said he hoped to host direct talks between Sudan President Omar el-Bashir and rebel leader John Garang. Ugandan president Yoweri Museveni, who along with other east African leaders is involved in a regional initiative to end the 14-year civil war in Sudan, would also be present. Mr Mandela said. AP - Cape Town

### African oil field discovery

The French company Elf Aquitaine announced the discovery of one of the biggest oil fields ever in Africa, the Dalia well off the coast of Angola, 150 miles north-west of the capital Luanda. It is believed to contain up to 3.5 billion barrels.

Joanna Lee - Paris

### Kenya killings reach tourist site

Two people were killed on Kenya's coast yesterday and fire destroyed 300 curio stalls in a resort as a week of violence hit a tourist site for the first time. It was also the first time unrest reached as far as Malíndi, 120km (75 miles) north of Mombasa, the centre of violence in which at least 37 people have been killed in a week. Reuters - Malinda

### Dramatic stay of execution

A Saudi man pardoned his son's killer moments before he was to be executed in a public square. Hassan al-Zayab forgave Salem bin Mubarak, a Yemeni convicted of stabbing his son Turki, just as an executioner was about to-behead him. The kingdom has executed 80 people this year.

### Valujet crash blamed on oxygen shipment

Washington — The unauthorised transport of oxygen gen-erators in the hold was given yesterday as the primary cause of the crash of Valujet flight 592 in the Florida Everglades last

May, writes Mary Dejevsky.

The accident, which is remembered for the difficulties of the salvage operation in alligator-infested swamps, killed 110 people and prompted questions about the proliferation of small, cut-price airline companies in the wake of deregulation in the United States.

At a day-long meeting yes-terday, the US transport safe-ty watchdog. the National Transportation Safety Board, heard evidence from the spe-cialists who conducted the official investigation into the crash. This is the last stage of the investigation, before the board presents its final report in six to eight weeks' time.

Although the inquiry had been expected to focus on shortcomings in Valujet's operating and maintenance standards, the emphasis yesterday rapidly shifted to the regulations set and enforced by the US Federal Aviation Authority, NTSB officials said, in particular, that they had advocated stricter pre-



May's crash in which 110 people died Photograph: Reuters

cautions against fire, including improved insulation of the particular cargo area of the Valuiet DC-9 where the fire is believed to have originated, ever since a fire was found to have caused the fatal crash of a Saudi airliner in 1980.

They said their call had been renewed in 1988 after a nonfatal American Airlines crash, but that the FAA had turned down the recommendation "on cost-benefit grounds". Other investigators questioned FAA regulations that allow planes to operate without the cabin-cock-

pit intercom working (a cabin steward may have allowed smoke into the Valujet cockpit), and stipulate a flight crew of two, rather than three. This, they said, placed a greater burden on the chief steward whose only contribution in this case was to shout "Fire, fire!",

Ever since it was suggested that illegally stowed oxygen generators could have caused the Everglades crash, Valujet has insisted that it was unaware of the cargo and blames the loading company for faulty





Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

Malaria, one of the world's biggest killers, is defying new treatments and spreading rapidly, threatening to create a ma-jor world-wide public health lisaster, scientists say.

Exactly 100 years since Sir Ronald Ross discovered that mosquitoes were responsible for carrying the deadly parasite, mankind is losing the buttle against the discuse.

Today, 650 scientists and public health officials from around the world are marking the anniversary in Hyderabad, India, with a meeting to consider a global strategy to curb the rise in cases, numbers of which are estimated to have quadrupled in the past five

Experts fear that unless action is taken to control the disease, the growth of drug resistance, global migration of the disease and climatic changes will threaten new areas with malarial infection and further increase the toll of death and

Malaria strikes 500 million people a year, causing almost 3 million deaths, most among children. Despite the scientific and medical advances of recent decades, it kills more people today than in the Sixties.

Brian Greenwood, professor of communicable diseases at the London School of Hygiene and neglected parasitic infec- to combat the disease



tion. An estimated 40 per cent of the world's population is at

The World Health Organisation (WHO) predicts that an extra 80 million people a year will be infected by the end of the century, a 16 per cent rise in

In India, the malaria eradication programme of the Fifties and Sixties reduced infections from 75 million to 100,000 a year, and deaths from 800,000 to almost none. That trend has reversed over the past two decades and there have been four major epidemics since 1994. Last year there were almost 3 million cases and at least

The Malaria Foundation, an international group of scientists set up in 1992, yesterday called and Tropical Medicine, said: for a new political commit-"Malaria is the most prevalent ment and for increased funding

Dr Dan Colley, director of the division of parasitic diseases at the Centre for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, said: There is an urgent need for concerted action to control

malaria now, before drug and

insecticide resistance, popula-

tion shifts and potential climatic changes combine to further expand this major world-wide public health disaster." Thirty years ago malaria had been eradicated, or dramatically reduced, in 37 countries as a result of the WHO insecticide spraying programme, but many

been abandoned, partly because of cost and partly because of declining motivation in the face of an apparently declining threat. Drug resistance has increased rapidly as a result of widespread use of malaria treatments in an unregulated and un-

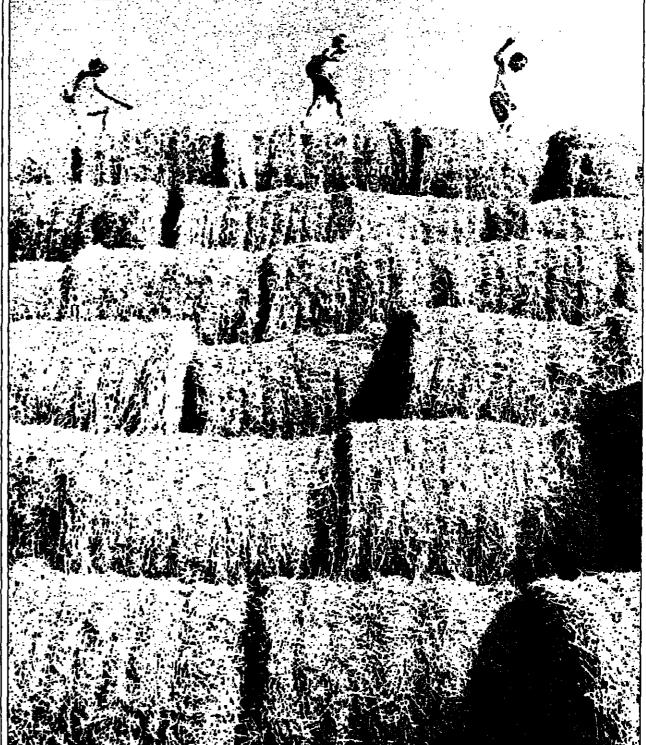
countries rely on chloroquine because it is cheap but the drug is increasingly ineffective. In some areas resistance has also developed to the newer drug melloquine (Lariam) which many people are reluc-tant to take because of side ef-

fects such as dizziness. Metloquine is none the less recommended for Western tourists visiting areas where the plasmodium falciparum species of parasite, the major cause of malaria deaths, is en

The foundation claims that too little is spent on malaria research compared with other discases such as Aids and asthma that cause fewer deaths. It says global research spending on Aids is \$3,274 (£2,040) per death compared with \$789 per asthma death and \$65 per malaria death.

The Wellcome Trust has announced a three-year project to work out the full genetic sequ-ence of the malaria parasite, to identify features that may be susceptible to attack by drugs.

Malaria was common in England until the last century bu had disappeared by 1930. Medical historians claim that in addition to better housing and wider availability of drugs, the introduction of the turnip as a winter feed for cattle may have turnip meant that more animals could be kept alive through the winter instead of being slaughtered, and mosquitoes preferred to bite cows rather than



### When there aren't enough hours in the day: Thailand's speedy epidemic

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Peering down from the cabin of his eight-ton lorry, red-eyed and lean. Khun Cham Be steadies his hands enough to light another menthol cigarette. Ahead is another long night on the road carrying timber across Thailand. an unbearable ordeal of endurance, he says, were it not for his tablets of vaa baa, amphetamine.

"The longer I can stay awake, the longer I can drive, and the more I can earn," he says. "I don't think I could do this job without my tablets."For hundreds of thousands of other lowpaid, overworked Thais, amphetamines are seen as an easy way to boost personal earning power in a nation obsessed with materialism.

Known as yaa baa (mad medicine), amphetamine tablets are bought by the Thai poor as a means, not of recreation as in Europe and America, but of boosting energy to work harder and longer. Typically, it is taxi drivers, long-distance truckers, and factory workers, all paid by the hour, who are dependent on vaa baa. The more they swallow,

the more they earn.

There is a definite link in this part of Asia between amphetamine use and economic de-velopment," says Richard Dickens of the United Nations' International Drug Control Programme in Bangkok. "We have watched amphet-

amines and other stimulants surge in popularity in virtually all of the dynamic 'tiger' economies of east Asia, starting with Japan after the Second World War, through South Ko-rea a decade ago," he added. Thailand's problem with stimulant abuse, now reaching epidemic proportions, according to the UN, first came to the notice



of the authorities in the early 1990s: at the height, in other words, of the country's boom

This is a regional problem. We are increasingly concerned about the spread of amphetamines into China as well. With the Chinese economy now expanding so rapidly, and the pressure that is putting on working Chinese, there is po-tential for explosive growth," warns Mr Dickens. That possibility has not escaped the region's drug producers, aware that in the long term, amphet-

amine production offers more secure, and even bigger profits that the area's traditional drug

product - opium. Deep in the jungles of the notorious Golden Triangle region of Thailand, Burma and Laos. new factory-laboratories are springing up, mass-producing amphetamines to meet a seem-

ingly inexorable rise in demand. Anti-narcotics police say the producers are headed by the same secretive and heavilyarmed drug barons who monopolise opium growing and heroin production in the area.

Their intelligence reports even suggest a complete change of production in some areas from

opium to amphetamines. In many ways, manufacturing amphetamine tablets is much easier than heroin production, which requires large quantities of raw opium.

Amphetamine tablets can be produced in their millions, with relatively small amounts of either synthetic or naturally occurring ingredients mixed in small, highly-mobile laboratories less vulnerable to detection than the vast poppy fields that encumber the opium producer. The other crucial factor is that, whereas heroin's overseas market requires complex international trafficking networks, stimulants like vaa baa are sold and consumed by locals, or, at least, by people a short truck or boat ride away. That, say police.

means producers get an almost

instant profit on their drugs. Tablets which cost as little as 6p

to manufacture can fetch up to £3 on the streets of Bangkok.

Rapid appeal: Amphetamines have long been used by travellers in Thailand but now their use has spread throughout Thai society

Photograph: Reuters

dark, narrow and polluted canals which connect disparate city districts, delivering literally boat-loads of tablets to freelance dealers who each buy small amounts to sell at taxi ranks, petrol stations, even Buddhist temples.

But there is also a new and growing market for yaa baa: schoolchildren. Under increasing pressure to perform at schools from parents and teachers, children as young as 10 are becoming dependent on the drug as a means of staying awake to study harder and longer. "It started as an experiment, to do what my friends were doing says Chiraporn, a 15-year-old schoolgiri. Her three-year amphetamine habit was discovered by her father after she complained of anxiety at-tacks, nightmares and sickness. An investigation revealed that 40 per cent of her classmates

were regular yaa baa users. This rapid penetration of amphetamines into the respectable world of the Thai middle classes has joited the au-thorities into tackling a drug tra-ditionally confined to the country's impoverished.

Posters warning of the dangers of dependency have been stuck on walls and lamp posts, and police have been targeting peddlers. But despite more than 50,000 arrests last year, demand for yaa baa is growing. And the country once notorious for its number of heroin and opium addicts now has more than At night, "long-tailed" speed-boats thunder along the city's klongs, a complex network of more than any other nation. 300,000 amphetamine users, ac-

### Navy helps Montserrat evacuation

Phil Davison St Johns, Antigua

The Royal Navy will today help evacuate residents of the British colony of Montserrat after warnings that the next eruption of the Soufriere volcano could engulf the entire Caribbean is-

The frigate HMS Liverpool has anchored off Little Bay, in the safest zone on the northeastern coast, to supervise the evacuation. But refugees will initially be taken by ferry to the nearby island of Antigua and the Liverpool is likely to ship people out only in the event of a major eruption. US, French and Dutch naval vessels are also on standby.

A series of earth tremors on Monday added to the fears of a major eruption. Similar tremors preceded several volcanic explosions last week which showered ash clouds and hot pumice stones.

Navy personnel on shore will help register evacuees and organise the ferry boardings. Britain continued to insist yesterday that the evacuation

was so far only a "voluntary repatriation package" for those of the remaining 4,000 islanders who wish to leave and no one would be forced to go. The British government supported the construction of a new capital in the north, probably close to Little Bay or nearby Carr's Bay, sources said.

But with the remaining residents crammed into private homes, churches, tents or shelters in the rocky north, with few facilities, it appeared increas-ingly unfeasible they could re-

many were refusing to leave the central zone, notably the township of Salem, where officials ordered evacuation last Saturday because of the danger of a pyroclastic flow of superheated ash, gas and rock that would burn everything in its path to cinders within seconds.

Despite the dangers, a few people yesterday opened their shops or bars - simple wooden shacks thrown up after the evacuation last year of the nowdestroyed capital, Plymouth. Islanders expressed increas-

ing frustration over mixed signals from British officials as to whether London favoured a total evacuation, at least until the volcano settles down, or keeping people on the island to press ahead with development in the north.

Many were awaiting details of the voluntary repatriation package before deciding whether to stay or go.

George Foulkes, British Min-ister for International Development, warned at the weekend of the possibility of a cataclysmic eruption and for the first time said even the north was not

Clive Mansfield, a spokesman for the British governor Frank Savage, then put out a statement saying: "The north is safe. There's no question of any-one being forced off the island."

Among those refusing to leave the danger zone yesterday were bar owners Raymond and Hilda Blake, still in their home in the village of Flemmings, in direct line of sight of the volcano only two miles away. "We lost our bar in Plymouth. If we lose this, we have nothing," said

### French opposition searches right and left for partners

Shaken and demoralised by the electoral defeat of 1 June, the French Right are struggling to come up with a new strategy that will put them back in the

running for government. The debate over the merging of the two main right-wing par-ties has been reopened, as is often the case in moments of crisis. The Gaullist mayor and MP for Vallence, Patrick Labaune, has suggested that his town should be used for a pilot project for the amalgamation of the neo-Gaullist Rassemblement pour La Republique (RPR) and the centre-right Union pour la

Democratie Française (UDF). His proposal has caused a flur-ry of debate within both parties, which has served to demonstrate more than ever the divisions within the ranks of the opposition. Five MPs, including the former Defence Minister, Charles Millon (UDF) have come out in support of the project. In an interview with Le Figaro last Saturday Mr Millon stated: "The opponents of this fusion can only find tactical or personal arguments to oppose it ... if they don't like it, well, they should change parties, go and join the Socialists."

Pierre-André Wiltzer, believes that the possibility of closer union "merits an organised debate, open to all concerned". but that this does not necessarily mean a merger. Nicolas Sarkozy, the RPR spokesman, believes that priorities lie elsewhere: "It is not by joining two weak organisations that you cre-

ate a strong one ... first we must rejuvenate the RPR and reform its political plans." In an interview in yester-

Goasguen, explained: "Fusion would not solve internal probiems and there are still essential differences between the parties on areas such as decentralisation and Europe." The UDF favours decentral-

isation and is very pro-European, whereas the RPR is less enthusiastic about decentralisation, and although officially pro-European, does have reservations in this direction, particularly towards federalism. These nd join the Socialists." day's Le Figuro, the general sec-The spokesman for the UDF, claude tention between the two parties,

which are otherwise essentially fairly close. There is however a difference in the nature of the two parties which is likely to render amalgamation difficult. The RPR was founded by General De Gaulle in 1958 as the main right-wing party, and modernised and renamed by Jacques Chirac in 1976. The

UDF is a union rather than a party, of all non-Gaullist rightwing parties, created to support the former French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing in

A darker, more desperate proposal is also floating around the offices of the opposition at the moment: that there should be co-operation with Jean Marie Le Pen's National Front. His party won 15 per cent of the votes in the first round of the recent general election, which had a catastrophic effect for the RPR and UDF.

A former RPR minister, Alain Peyrefritte, and former UDF MP Robert Pandraud have both asked for an "understanding" with the Nation-

al Front. Mr Goasguen has re-Former RPR minister wants 'understanding' with Le Pen. Joanna Lee reports quested that his party stop "de-monising the National Front" and indulge in "serene and constructive thought" with

> This possibility has been rejected by the president of the RPR, Philippe Séguin, and a spokesman for the RPR said yesterday that any alliance with the National Front was "out of the question".

A spokesman for the National Front said that it seemed "unlikely for the moment because the Right prefer stupidly to lose elections rather than ally with the



Le Pen: Gaullists may seek ties with his National Front

# BP. WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU AFRAID OF?

An open letter from Greenpeace following the freezing of our assets by the oil giant.

Greenpeace is an international campaigning organisation committed to defence of the environment and the acceleration of human progress. We campaign to persuade governments and industries to adopt cleaner, more efficient solutions that the world and the public urgently wants, focusing on the resolution of global environmental problems.

We believe that our campaign to prevent further development of the Atlantic Frontier oilfields in general, and the Foinaven field in particular, is justified.

None of these oil fields has been subject to proper environmental impact assessment. The potential impact on climate, on birds and on marine life, has not been properly assessed and the UK has only now, nine years late, introduced Draft Regulations to implement the EC Environmental Impact Assessment Directive to the UK Continental Shelf.

Foinaven is a field which has been developed on a "fast track" basis authorised by the Department of Trade and Industry without proper control or assessment.

The state of the North Sea illustrates the fate that awaits the Atlantic Frontier, stretching from west of Shetland to hundreds of miles west of Rockall, if the region is industrialised.

Since August 1996, Greenpeace has urged the UK Government and BP, the main operator of the Foinaven oil field, to desist from further development. This is not only on grounds of potential direct impacts for example from drilling muds and discharges, but because it is an expansion of fossil fuel reserves at a time when science shows that the climate cannot sustain the use of reserves that already exist, if the world is to stay within "ecological limits" of tolerable climate change.

On Monday, Greenpeace wrote to Mr John Browne, Chief Executive Officer of BP, pointing out that according to one of its own studies, if BP were to invest half its 1997 second-quarter profits, or half the monies it says have been invested in Foinaven to date, in a solar factory, then it would produce solar power panels at a cost which would make solar electricity cost-competitive against fossil fuel electricity, overnight.

Greenpeace believes it is wrong and entirely irresponsible for BP to invest in expanding oil reserves when it could be investing in the solution to climate change instead.

Greenpeace notes that John Browne, said in a speech on 19 May 1997 that the subject of the "global environment" was of the "utmost importance" and that "there is now an effective consensus among the world's leading scientists and serious and well informed people outside the scientific community that there is a discernible human influence on climate, and a link between the concentration of carbon dioxide and temperature".

Mr Browne added that: "The time to consider the policy dimensions of climate change is not when the link between greenhouse gases and climate change is conclusively proven... but when the possibility cannot be discounted and is taken seriously by the society of which we are part".

Greenpeace also believes it is wrong and entirely irresponsible for the UK Government to call for tougher controls on fossil fuel emissions at international conventions, while fuelling climate change by a policy of opening up more fossil fuel resources as reserves.

Greenpeace notes that fossil fuel reserves are expanding - for every one barrel of oil used since the "oil crisis", two have been "discovered" and added to reserves. Oil use is increasing. Carbon dioxide levels are increasing. Climate is warming globally at around 0.1-0.2.C per decade. Arctic and Antarctic ice, and mountain glaciers are melting. Diseases are spreading and are forecast to continue to spread, and forests are dying back as a result of the effects of warming. Severe storms and other extreme and life threatening weather events are increasing and forecast to do so by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Greenpeace has sent ships to the Antarctic and Arctic to document these events.

At the forthcoming "Climate Summit" in Japan, Greenpeace will again draw Government's attention to Objective Two of the Convention which calls on Governments to restrict climate change to levels which are not dangerous to natural or human systems and which allow them to "adapt naturally".

To meet such limits, it has been calculated that only one quarter of existing fossil fuel reserves may be utilised. To open up new reserves is, in these circumstances, wrong and foolish. The Foinaven field and the other parts of the so-called Atlantic Frontier were conceived prior to the realisation of climate change.

For these reasons, Greenpeace opposes the expansion of fossil fuel reserves by industrialised nations, and seeks instead to persuade governments and oil companies to immediately switch investment to solar power and other renewable energies.

BP is leading the world in the wrong direction by opening up fossil fuels that the climate cannot sustain. Indeed they would rather close down Greenpeace than change direction and invest in solar power.

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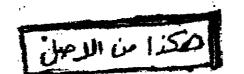
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### Conlon Nancarrow

Conlon Nancarrow belonged to the pioneer tradition of American composers succeeding Charles Ives and Henry Cow-ell, but most of his music was for the mechanical player-piano and it was composed in Mexico City. Nancarrow's isolation was such that he was not recog-nised widely until the 1980s. when György Ligeti described him as "the best of any composer living today" and the MacArthur Foundation of Chicago gave him a "genius" award of \$300,000.

Nancarrow was born in Texarkana, Arkansas in 1912. He studied at the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music and a performance of Stravin-sky's The Rite of Spring, at a time when he had heard very little contemporary music, made an enormous impact. Because of this he cited Stravinsky and Bach as his favourite composers in an interview in 1980.

A further ingredient in Nancarrow's exploratory rhythmic language was jazz improvisation: he worked as a trumpeter, where he experienced rhythms too complicated for conventional notations. At Boston he studied privately under Nicolas Slonimsky, Walter Piston and, more influentially, Roger Sessions, whose rigid strict counterpoint studies made a lasting impression.

At this point in his career Nancarrow's political commitment intervened. In 1937 he went to Spain to fight with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade music on paper and then punch

against Franco's Pascist regime. On his return in 1939 he found that his socialist views brought him into difficulties with the American government and he was refused a passport. His resentment was so great that, after only a short presence with the New York avant-garde, he went to live in Mexico City in 1940, became a Mexican citizen in 1956 and was based there for the rest of his life.

Nancarrow's move to Mexico City began a remarkable period of obscurity. Circumstances virtually dictated that his creative work should be self-contained. So, from the late 1940s, every-thing he composed was for his two Ampico upright player-pianos, modified in various ways. Before that he had attracted some attention with a few instrumental works. A prelude and a blues (both in 1935) - both recorded by the pianist Joanna MacGregor in 1989 - were published in the periodical New Music Quarterly in 1938. This was where the first of his 50 Studies for

but the composer was not aware of its publication until some vears later. On a rare visit to New York in the late 1940s Nancarrow had heard an early performance of John Cage's Sonatas and Interludes for prepared piano - another modified piano - which impressed him. Otherwise he remained in his Mexico City studio where he would plot his

Player Piano appeared in 1952,

each note into exactly the right position on the piano roll. This process could take a month for a minute's worth of Nancarrow's rhythmically complex music. But after such effort he would at least know that the realisation in sound was what he intended.

When the League of Composers put on Nancarrow's Septet in New York in 1940 the performance was inadequate. In 1977, in an interview with Charles Amirkhanian, Nancarrow said: "Ever since I'd been writing music I was dreaming of getting rid of the performers." The player-piano was an ideal solution, although, like Harry Parich, Nancarrow had also tried to invent his own instruments. He found they simply did The story of Nancarrow's

ies brought back to New York resulted in their being used by Merce Cunningham for his ballet Crises. Regular presentations had little immediate effect. But in 1977 Soundings magazine, edited by Peter Garland from Berkelcy, California, produced a Nancarrow number, with interviews, tributes and the musical scores of eight studies, Then a series of records began to appear and Nancarrow began to come out of hibernation, somewhat like an owl blinking in the unaccustomed daylight

of publicity. His first American concert appearance for over 40 years

took place at San Prancisco in 1981 - resulting in an ovation from over 1,000 people. In the following year Nancarrow toured Europe for his 70th birthday. In 1987 he came to the Almeida Pestival in London, where we found that he himself was as positive and affable as his music. The American pianist Yvar Mikhashoff played his Tango? (1984) for a conventional, not mechanical piano, as well as some realisations of the Studies for live performance. It is an indication of how times have changed that there are four different recordings of this fun

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piece currently available.
Nancarrow had turned to the player-plane in desperation to get accurate performances of his music. He took a predominantly entertainment medium – the Germans call it the waltzensuccess in the 1980s goes back to 1960, when tapes of his stud-most far-reaching rhythmic explorations in the entire history of music. A neglected element in musical discourse came so much into the foreground that a contrapuntal technique based on superimposing independent musical strands in different and even varying tempos could be

> In 1991 the record company Wergo brought out sparkling new digital recordings of the Studies but, ironically, it has been performers themselves who have made amends by playing arrangements of Nancarrow's Studies for live instrumental groups. Mikhashoff worked on some of these with

Burnum Burnum will be par-

ticularly remembered for his sin-

gular gesture in travelling across

the world from Australia in

1988, planting an Aboriginal flag on the white cliffs of Dover

and claiming England for the

Aboriginal people, with the de-claration: "We wish no harm to

England's native people. We are

here to bring you good manners,

refinement and an opportuni-

ty to make a Koomparioo, a

It was Burnum's personal

the composer himself and the virtuoso German Ensemble Modern, directed by Ingo Metzmacher, recorded some in 1992. Two parallel developments have been the revival of Nancarrow's early instrumental

music and the encouragement

of new works, such as Piece No

2 for Small Orchestra (1986),

commissioned by the American

patron Betty Freeman, for the

ensemble Continuum, who have recorded it along with he admitted: eight early works. Another late commission,

published in 1992, was Two Canons for the pianisi Ursula Opens, vividly played by Thomas Ades last autumn dur-ing the South Banks's American

Independents Festival. Nancarrow's eventual emercentury which failed to honour Anton Webern and Bela Bartok in their lifetimes. Unlike them, Nancarrow had no access to the musical profession and little de-sire to make his work known, as

had a family, I wasn't really interested in whether it was disseminated or not: I was just working and happy. When I finally got a family, I decided, well, I'm going to have to leave them some-thing. So I began getting interested in maybe promoting it a little."

Against all the odds of the apgence was unusual even in a parent limitations of the player-piano timbre, Nancarrow found the ideal medium in which he could work independently of any establishments in Mexico or elsewhere. His unique sound is instantly iden-tifiable. The vivid jazzy qualities of some of his Studies belie their

ow at Otta-Parsons, School, Los Angeles, 1985 Photograph: Betty Freeman / Lebrecht Collection intellectual rigour and his œuvre as a whole is a refreshing and unexpected harvest from the still vigorous American ex-perimental tradition of the 20th

Peter Dickinson

Conlon Nancarrow, composer: bom Texarkana, Arkansas 27 October 1912; married 1932 Helen Rigby (marriage dissolved), 1947 Annette Margolis (one son; marriage dissolved 1951), 1970 Yoko Seguira; died Mexico City 10 Au-

### **Burnum Burnum**



Burnum: 'our crime was to be Aboriginal'

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statement in Australia's bicentenary year, when modern, white, Australia was

fresh start."

busy marking the anniversary of the raising of the British flag on the foreshores of what is now Sydney Harbour in January gum tree, on an Aboriginal re-1788. To non-Aboriginal people, this was the start of "settlement". But to Burnum's people, it was the invasion that sent a civilisation that had prospered for 40,000 years into rapid and devastating decline.

Those who cannot remember Burnum's words to the English on that occasion will certainly remember the proud black face, a beby. The authorities took him the loving care of a family and

the long white beard and the piercing eyes that gave him the look of an Old Testament prophet, in pictures that were flashed around the world. In an age when Aboriginal Australia has finally taken centre stage in the country's politics, Burnum understood more than many of his colleagues the power to be derived from playing the white media at their own game. It sometimes brought him into conflict with other Aboriginal activists, who accused him of grandstanding, but his passion and commitment carned him the respect of Australians as a

Burnum was born Henry James Peurith in 1936, under a chapter in Australian history gum tree, on an Aboriginal re-earlier this year, he called on the were settlements where white authorities dumped various Aboriginal communities after rounding them up from outlying areas, under a paternalistic policy that in fact was little different from apartheid. Burnum's mother died when he was

from his father and sent him first to a church mission beine and later to Kinchela Boys Home at Kempsey, a town on the north coast of New South

This made Burnum one of the so-called "stolen generation, an estimated 100,000 Aboriginal children who were removed from their families and put in white foster homes between 1910 and the 1960s. This now discredited policy of separating mixed-race children from the "bad influences" of native culture was the subject of a recent inquiry by Sir Ronald Wilson, a former judge. In his damning report of this grim Australian government to apologise officially to the victims, most of whom never saw their families again. John Howard, the Australian prime minister,

has still refused to do so. Burnum once recounted the memories of his childhood in the Kempsey home: "I was all alone. We knew nothing of

from the assortment of stars

Whether he "directed" them

or just allowed the to have

their way is of course a moot point. But in 1947 alone there

was Frederick Valk nearly blow-

ing the roof off the Arts Theatre

as Solness in The Master Builder

an interpretation yet to be ex-celled for emotional power; and Edward, My Son (which transferred to Broadway) had

Robert Morley (part-author)

and Peggy Ashcroft powerful

ly demonstrating the differ-ence between effective and

affecting acting. At the Lyric, Hammersuch Brenda Bruce's Eliza in Promalica set the ball rolling for a regreat of Shaw which Harcourt Williams at

Wyndham's as an endearingly

deferential William the Waiter in You Never Car Tell (another

whom Beaumont provided.

certainly not the love of nurturing. We were bereft of all manners and social mores. We were like convicts and prisoners: It had nothing to do with whether we hat committed a crime. Our crime was to be

Aboriginal." He and the other children lived, as he put it, "on white sugar, white bread brains, tripe and white sauce". Yet he rose above these unlikely beginnings by making the most of his school edication and equipping himself with skills to devote to a lifetime of helping his people. When Aboriginal activism took root in Australia in the 1970s, he changed his determination. name to that of his great grandfather, Burnum Burnum, of the Wurundieri tribe:

Burnum took part in some of the most pivotal Aboriginal political campaigns over the past 30 years, including the 1967. constitutional referendum that recognised Aborigines' voting rights for the first time and the erection of the Aboriginal "tent embassy" outside Parliament House in Canberra in 1972. He

was also a successful rugby player, cricketer and actor. One of the best things about Ground Zero (1987), an Australian film about British nuclear tests in the outback in the 1950s that slightly missed its mark, was Burnum's almost hammed-up portrayal of a desert tribal elder.

Although he was both a conservative and a libertarian, few people could really classify Burnum. His great achievement was to shake off the humiliations of his early years and imbue later generations with the importance of achieving their self-respect and self-

Gordon Briscoe, an historian, friend and adviser to Burnum Burnum, said: "Australia has lost a hero, and a person who has given many Australians a great pride and satisfaction."

Robert Milliken

Henry James Penrith (Burnum Burnum), political activist: born Wallaga Lake, New South Wales January 1936; married: died Sydney 17 August 1997.

In a sense Ashmore spent

most of his time tactfully trying

to weld a lot of one-man shows

### Samuel Nolutshungu

Samuel Nobushungu was one of the foremost scholars to have enriched African studies in the field of both political science and international relations. His knowledge of the continent, and understanding of the prob-lems which trouble African states, were expressed in a vigorous and eloquent style to the benefit of scholars and students across the western world in Britain, France, Canada and the United States - as well as

Africa itself. Only last December Nohutshungu was offered the most prestigious position in the South African university system, the vice-chancellorship of the University of the Witwatersrand, in Johannesburg, a tribute to his international reputation as a scholar and teacher. He was, however, unable to accept the post because of failing health.

Sam Nolutshungu produced a number of significant articles and books which will stand for a long time to his memory. His most recent major work, The Limits of Anarchy (1996), concerned not his native South Africa but the Republic of Chad. Although Chad is not a particularly important country in itself, Nolutshungu's account of its domestic politics and the tangled web of external forces which enmeshed them is a deeply thought-out interpreta-tion of the dilemmas of what he termed "fictive states", countries

which have to endure a fitful existence between too much and too little government - between despotism and anarchy. Nolutsbungu traces the mis-fortunes of the Sahel republic in masterly detail, using French, English and Chadian sources to illustrate the tragedy of peoples "suspended between emer-

gence and disintegration". Earlier, two major books on his native country had already established Nolutshungu as the foremost black South African analyst of that country's troubled politics - South Africa in Africa: a study of ideology and foreign policy (1975) and Chang-ing South Africa: political considerations (1982). This latter, a sobering analysis of the prospects for non-violent transition to a non-racial society at a time when both domestic and external pressures for funda-mental reform of South Africa's apartheid system were beginning to acquire an irresistible dynamic, was joint winner (in a field of thirty) of the Johannesburg Sunday Times' Book of the

Year Award. Noluishungu ranged widely over the difficult terrain of African politics. His concern was for states struggling to manage ethnically and racially divided societies which are also beset by international rivairies. Besides his continuing work on constitutionalism, democratic change, and economic

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equality in South Africa, he had also been coordinating a Social Science Research Council project on the international secunity of marginal populations. His Margins of Insecurity - minorities and international security appeared last years

Problems of this order require not only a passion for justice but a mature judgement about what can and cannot be done. Nolutshungu met those requirements in full. He was a man of high intellectual calibre, of wide learning and reading and with much sympathy but no nonsense in his teaching and

He was born in King-William's Town, Cape Province, in 1945, and was educated at Lovedale High School and Fort Hare College. A scholarship



Photograph: The State

brought him in the Sixties to Keele University where he was awarded a first class degree with joint honours in econom-ics, history and politics. He re-mained in exile from his native commry until after the beginning of the close of the apartheid era m 1990. He taught in the Government Department of Manchester University between 1978 and 1990, and also held teaching positions at Lancaster and Ibadan (Nigeria), as well as visiting posts in the United States, Canada, Zimbabwe and, ultimately, South Africa.

From 1991 he held a joint professorial appointment at the University of Rochester, New York State, in the Department of Political Science and in the Frederick Douglass Institute for African and African-American Studies.

Sam Nolutshungu was an excellent, warm-hearted, generous companion, full of humour and intelligence. Everyone who knew him -students; colleagues and friends alike held him in the highest esteem and will mourn his early death.

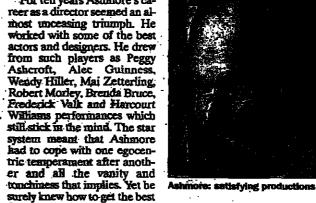
Dennis Austin Samuel Clement Nobutshangu, political scientist born King William Mown, Cape Province, South Africa 15 April 1945; married 1977 Velisiwe Siwela (two daughters); died Rochester, New York 12 August 1997.

#### Peter Ashmore Peter Ashmore staged some of For ten years Ashmore's ca-

the West End's most satisfying productions in the post-war heyday of commercial theatre. From 1946 instil 1956 he worked for the most powerful management company is Loadon theatre history, a besevolest dictatorship run by High Binkie Beamount, known as HLM. Tennent Limited. Young playgoers then would never miss an H.M. Tennent production. Not only because it seemed to

offer the best, but also because it shamelessly practised what came to be regarded in some quarters as the permitions "star" system". Beaumont had a chutch of trusted leading players on his books, waiting for him to provide them with vehicles.

Peter Ashmore was an undertaker's son, who had first acted at the Embassy, Swiss Cottage, in R.C. Sheriff's Wind-fall (1924) and at Stratford-on-Avon, the London fringe, and Aberdeen rep. He was a con-scientious objector during the Second World War, and worked as a director for the duration with the Oxford Repertory Company. A small-built, bearded, gentle and courteous figure, he returned to London in 1946, at the instigation of one of Binkie Beaumont's advisers, to stage was plans at the Lyric Theatre. Hammersmith. One was a new hospital drama; the other T.W. Robertson's charmine Victorian ratity, Caste.



transfer to Broadway) brilliantly continued.

Among other strikingly well acted Ashmore productions in the next few years were The Human Touch with Alec Guinness; Ann Veronica, with Wendy Hiller as H.G. Wells's "new woman"; and Jean Anouilh's Point of Departure, with Dirk Bogarde and Mai Zetterling. Ashmore also directed Mai Zetterling as an impassioned Nora in A Doll's House (Lyric, Flammersmith) - the adaptation also toured to Denmark and Finland in 1953. But the Ibsen by which he is probably is best remembered - aniess you saw Valk's soaring Solness - will be Ashcroft's harsh Hedda Gabler (1954) with George Devine as Tesman and Micheal Macliammoir as the sly friend, Judge Brack.

into a coherent whole. Given the casts Beaumont found for him, what else was there to do? He seems at any rate to have known how to keep the peace; when he could not, we are told he just went off to bed. Robert Morley summed up working with him as "enjoy-able". Wilfrid Hyde White as "invaluable" – adding: "Such a civil little chap. Always ready to fetch the script when I'd left it in the Rolls." Then, in 1961, Ashmore withdrew completely from the

theatre and retired to Ireland. Was it due to a family inheritance? Was it - as he once said - boredom? No one seems to know. At the dawn of a new era which yielded the new social realism, the artistic director, state and civic subsidies and many puzzling theatrical imports from France, Ashmore went to live abroad for a while, returned to oversee the family firm, and finally settled at Fermoy, near Cork, with chess and painting as his diversions.

Adam Benedick

Eric Peter Ashmore, theatre director: born London 29 January 1916; married 1946 Rosalie Crutchley (one son, one daugh-ter; marriage dissolved 1959; died 1997), 1963 Petra Gull-strand; died 26 July 1997.

### BIRTHS

McMORROW: Mike and Helen are deighted to announce the safe arrival of Mary Kate on 8 August 1997, a consin for Jason and Ruby.

MeLARNON: Gerard, playwright, died 16 August, Funeral service at Russian Orthodox Church, All Saints, Ennismore Gardens, SW7, on Friday 29 August at 11mm. All friends welcome, Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Christopher's Flospice, 51-59 Lawrie Park Road, Sydenham, SE26 6DZ, at to the PDSA. SE20 6DZ, or to the PDSA.

THOMAS: Walter Phillip "Remmy", of Fleet, Hampshire, died 12 Angust 1997, aged 86, after a very short illness. Cremation, 21 August, 2.30pm. Aldershot, Hampshire, Family flowers only, donations preferred to Cyste Fibrosis Trust, c/o Cooperative

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**Éirthdays** 

86; Mr Brian Rees, former Headmaster, Rugby School, 68; Baroness
Robson of Kiddington, former chairman, South-West Thames Regional
Health Authority, 78; Professor Anthony Seaton, chairman, Department of Health Authority

Commission, 50; Mr. Des Commission, 59; Mr Desmond Swayne MP, 41; Mr Robert Wareing MP, 67; Mr William Woollard, television presenter and producer, 58.

#### Anniversaries

Births: George Villiers, first Duke of Buckingham, countier, 1592; Thomas Corneille, playwright, 1625; Heinrich Frankenberger, harpist, teacher and conductor, 1824; Benjamin Harrison, 23rd US President, 1833; Raymond-Nicolas Landry Pomcare, statesman,

1860; Shaul Tchernichowski, Hebrew poet, 1875; Howard Phillips Lorectaft, novellst, 1890; Jim Reeves, country singer, 1924. Deaths: Lord Herbert of Cherbury, philosopher and poet, 1648; Johan de Witt, statesman, with his brother Cornelis, murdered by the mob, 1672; Sir Charles Sedley, playwright, 1701; Pope Pins VII, 1823; Friedrich Wilheim Joseph von Schelling, philoso-pher, 1854; Joseph Kenny Meadows. artist, 1874; Mrs Charles Kean (Ellen Tree), actress, 1880; Jules Laforgue, poet, 1887; William Adolphe Bonguereau, painter, 1905; William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, 1912; Paul Ehrlich, biochemist, 1915; Leon Trotsky (Lev Davidovich Bronstein), politician, murdered, 1940; Jessie Matthews,

singer, cancer and actress, 1981; George Adamson, conservationist in Africa, killed 1989. On this day: the Austrians defeated the French at the Barrie of Saragossa, 1710; the ex-ploration party under Burke and Wills statted from Melbourne, Anstralia, 1860; the railway strike in Britain ended, 1911; the German army occupied Brussels, 1914; in the US, the Detroit News began operate ing radio station WWI, 1920; Called Hall nuclear-power station began op-erating, 1956; the French colory of Senegal became independent, 1960; the first London performance of the musical show Gentlemen Prefer Blondes was presented, 1962; Russian troops invaded Czechoslovaitia. and fighting broke out in Prague, 1968; following the coup in the So-

viet Union, supporters of Boris Reliain furtified berricades and thousands demonstrated outside, the Russian parliament building 1991. Roday is the Reast Day of Si Amator or Amadelux, Si Bernardiof Clairvaux, Si Oswin, St Rogariald or Ronald and St Philipeta.

#### Lectures National Gallery: Mari Griffith, Water, water ... (iii) Cataletto, The Stonemoson's Yard ... ium. Tate Gallery. Kevin Driscoll, "Walter Sickers populait painter", Ipm.

Appointments

Judge Rand Pearl, to be President
of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal

Mr. Martin Christopher Burtou, Buckley, to be Chief Registrar in Mr Justice Jacob, to be Chancery Sopervising Judge for Bristol, Cardiff and Birmingham. Judge Paul Collins, to be Director of Studies at the Judicial Studies

Ms Ann Abraham, to be Legal Services Ombudsman. Ms Valerie Evans, to be Co-Chair, Women's National Commission. Mr John Davis, to be President of the Royal Anthropological Institute.

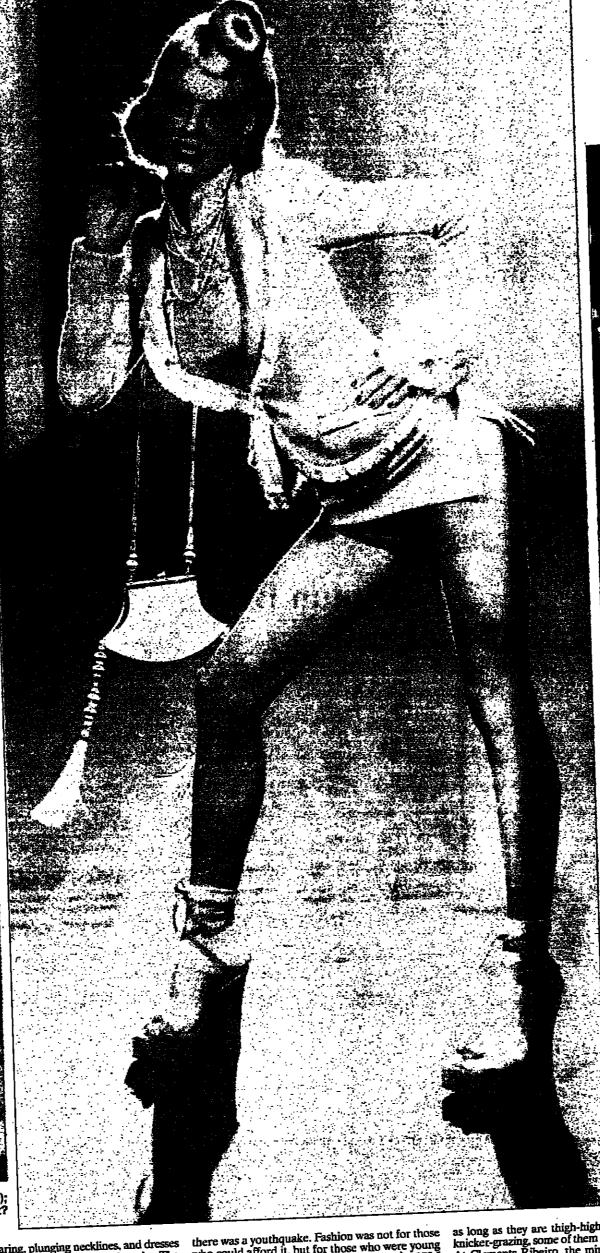
Changing of the Guard The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse

## Skirts go sky high

The 'new' mini is a very different animal from its Sixties cousin, writes Tamsin Blanchard. Photographs by Ben Elwes



John Galliano's saucy schoolgiri mini (above); Christian Dior - where's the skirt?







Prada - de Givenchy - mean in





old on to your hems: this autumn, the micro-mini is back. You've heard that before, I know. But this time it really is. On the catwalks, clothes - for women at least - seem to be all but disappearing. As far as fashion designers are concerned, women are now so liberated, they don't need to wear clothes anymore, just a pair of high-heeled stilettos, a swathe of lace held on by a hairline strap, and a slick of red lipstick. Knickers are optional.

It's not surprising: first, so-called quality men's magazines, once interested in cars, watches and useless gadgets, become obsessed with scantily clad babes. No men's magazine cover is complete without one. Then, Penthouse relaunches and every fashion photographer in London wants to work for it. It's not porn, they say, it's hip. Meg Matthews, Noel Gallagher's wife, turns up at Number 10 bearing her midriff. Princess Di is photographed sunning herself on board Dodi's yacht, strapless and as good as topless. The Nineties will be remembered as the decade of scanty lace shifts, "nude" clothes that you might as

well not be wearing, plunging necklines, and dresses pulled together with just a handful of safety pins. The erogenous zone has become more important than the fabric that reveals it. Little - or nothing - is left to the imagination. Fashion designers are obsessed with sheer fabrics, worn with or without underwear. As we approach the Millennium, the trends look set to get shorter and skimpier. "The leg" will be the new season's focus. The longer the better. Donna Karan has even written the foreword to a book called sim-

ply Leg to be published this September. When Mary Quant slashed skirt lengths more than 30 years ago, London was swinging (sound familiar?), girls were "birds" (now we're babes) and the Union Flag was the greatest fashion accessory. (Liam Gallagher has just invested in three Union Flag cashmere jumpers by Brit designers Clements Ribeiro). Jacqueline Kennedy was cavorting on yachts with her rich playboy, in skirts that fell a few inches short of her knee. (Look out for Diana's take on the micro-mini this autumn, with or without her playboy's yacht, in a tabloid near you). Then, as now,

who could afford it, but for those who were young enough to get away with it. Is this 1967 or 1997? I wish someone would help me out of this time-warp.

Of course, nothing in fashion is ever the same as t once was. This autumn's mini skirts are, in fashion speak. "new". In the Sixties, there was a certain innocence to the "mother of the mini," Mary Quant's invention. Then, it was about freedom, dancing, stripy tights and winklepicker shoes. In the Eighties, the short-skirted power suit was about the label inside it. Now, the mini is an altogether more sophisticated animal. Gone are the playful innocence and the status symbols, to be replaced by a knowing sexuality. This mini is about power games; designer tights and Gucci heels; flirtation as a means to an end, rather than simply as a means to getting a man.

On the right woman with the right legs and enough self-confidence, the micro-mini is the embodiment of sex and power, as seen on the catwalks of Givenchy, Gucci. and Chanel. It doesn't matter if they are skin tight, or flighty and pleated.

as long as they are thigh-high. Not content to be knicker-grazing, some of them feature splits as well. At Clements Ribeiro, the mini is a kilt. Vivienne Westwood's are so short and saucy, they don't even cover your stocking tops. At Christian Dior, it is sugar almond coloured and worn with a nipped in jacket, bobby socks and platform shoes worthy of Betty Grable, the star whose legs were famously insured for a million dollars and were shown off at

every opportunity. And who could blame her? In 1968, fashion commentator James Laver called the mini skirt "the final word in the emancipation of woman - in proving her economic dependence. Long, hampering skirts were fetters to keep a woman home." Thirty years on, I can't remember the last time I was fettered by a long skirt or, for that matter, a pair of trousers. I don't need a glorified belt of a skirt to walk, run, climb flights of stairs and earn a crust. Nor do I want to flash my knickers as I do so.

Mini skirts have in turn been reviled and celebrated by women's movements. We just don't seem

to be able to make up our minds as to whether they exploit the wearer, or the man the wearer is exploiting. And as for the parallels all too often drawn between skirt lengths and the economy. I'm sure Gordon Brown has more pressing matters on his mind than how his economic policies will make girls' skirts yo-yo. I hope so anyway. One thing is for sure however, if your legs measure anything less than 5ft from waist to stockinged heel, don't even think about it. The most important difference between 1967 and 1997 is that women now have a choice. You will not be regarded as a frumpy old maid if your skirt does-n't skim cellulite-free thighs.

If you like to show you are abreast of the trends but your legs are not smooth and slender pins, take the post-feminist, post-post modern, post-backlash option as designed by the young genius, Hussein Chalayan. It's called the skirt-trouser, a pair of narrow pants with the shortest, crotch-skimming skirt attached across the burn, all-in-one. You can bend over all you like and whether you are wearing knickers or not, no one will be any the wiser.

### After New Man, Morgan Man

Black double breasted

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Tuch in the same way that Loaded followed ucn in the same way that Louded followed Cosmopolitan magazine, so the slinky knee-high-booted, cleavage-thrusting Morgan Femme is the natural precursor to Morgan Homme, which is set to hit shops around the country in the next two weeks.

Morgan womenswear was established in France in 1985 by the Abehsera family and has been sold on the British high street since 1992. Five years later, there are 33 Morgan shops around the country selling affordable, sexy clothes for girls and women who have a penchant for revealing inches of flesh. The menswear was a logical next step, and is hot on the heels of other popular highstreet stores that have seen a gap in the menswear market: Jigsaw menswear launched only in 1993,

whereas French Connection has been at it since 1976. The clothes themselves are not necessarily for the boy version of the Morgan girl, although she would certainly look good on his arm. They are affordable, directional. practical and flashy - in the sense that a man looking for a good suit to wear for a night out would look at Morgan first, and go somewhere else for one to wear for work. Key pieces also include colourful, chunky knitwear which, according to Rachel Hall, a company

spokeswoman, "buyers couldn't get enough of", and subtle, low-shine shirts and car coats. The overall silhouette is slim, and fits well with the Morgan design ethos. The designer of Morgan womenswear, Jocelyn Bismouth, has been consulting on the range, although it

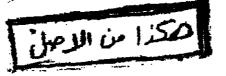
is being manufactured by a different company. Morgan Homme, confusingly, will not be available within existing Morgan womenswear shops, as Hall explains: "We didn't just want to put it in with the women's stuff, partly as there was no room for it, and we didn't want the men to feel embarrassed trying things on." So instead the range is being tried out in stores such as Fenwick in Newcastle and Tunbridge Wells, Allders and Suit Yourself stores around the country, and other independent shops. There will be one M Homme store opening in Glasgow in the first week of September, which will carry the biggest selection of stock, and more stores will be added as soon as possible.

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Melanie Rickey



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### Give football and cricket a sporting chance

ntil recently the government minister who could best be relied on to speak without carrying significant political clout, not only because it engages the energies and passions of so many voters, but also engaging his brain was undoubtedly Tony Banks, a talent for which the Minister for Sport appeared to have some pride. Since his appointment in May. Mr Banks has spouted happily on just about any subject within his brief - and a few that aren't - often without ever laying himself open to the charge that he was giving a considered opinion.

His latest proposal, which might be described as half-baked except that it does not appear to have been baked at all, is that national anthems should be banned from international football matches "because then sport becomes almost an extension of war". Like much of what Mr Banks has said, it caused a mixture of indignation and incredulity, but appears destined to be ignored.

Over the weekend, however, a new contender stepped into the ring to challenge Banks's position: his boss, Chris Smith. Once again the subject was sport, which is probably significant. Sport has traditionally been regarded with contempt in Whitehall, rated as less important than overseas aid and generating less kudos than the cones hotline. Sport simply does not attract the rigour of policy scrutiny that applies in other corners of the government machine. But, in the late Nineties, sport is high profile. It ought to be viewed as

because it is an increasingly powerful economic force.

As Secretary for State for Culture, Media and Sport, Mr Smith has been considering proposals to set up a British Academy for Sport with lottery money, a project initiated by the previous administration in response to Britain's repeated sporting failures (our athletes at the last Olympics; our footballers when they failed to qualify for the last World Cup; our cricketers virtually every time they walk out on to grass). The new Labour government was committed to establishing some form of Academy, but the details had yet to be formulated.

On Sunday Mr Smith began to enlighten us. Or rather, he didn't. His first move was to tell the Independent on Sunday that he intended the new academy to concentrate on the noncommercial Olympic sports such as athletics and swimming, to the exclusion of the major professional ones of football, cricket and rugby. He repeated the line on the radio on Sunday, with the explanation that money-making sports could be expected to finance their own academies.

Already Smith's thinking appeared to be flawed, and it was quickly pounced on by Lord MacLaurin, the Tory peer who used to run Tesco and

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is now the chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board. While few would deny that football, flush with Sky's millions, has more than enough spare cash to spend on nurturing young talent for lucrative careers in the Premier League, the same is hardly true of rugby, and it is certainly not true of

The national summer sport has been in a parlous state for most of its history. saddled as it is with an antiquated county system whose games frequently attract fewer spectators than the average barn dance. Test matches remain popular, but the profits made from this

form of the game are quickly gobbled up by the impoverished counties.

To suggest, as Mr Smith appeared to, that cricket would be able to put something aside to endow its own academy was frankly ludicrous, and Lord MacLaurin was quick to say so. He went on to point out that the one way his sport might be able to raise money was by having Test cricket removed from television's listed events. and thus able to be sold on the free

Mr Smith then suggested that Test cricket's televised status might be subject to review, and the sport's less than

splenetic reaction to its exclusion from a national academy was interpreted by some as evidence of a covert deal. By now Mr Smith's utterances bore all the appearance of policy formulated on the hoof: muddled, indistinct, and with offthe-cuff solutions that threatened to become problems of their own.

Then, just as the possibility of Test cricket joining Sky's exclusive range created its own controversy, Mr Smith's line changed again. Perhaps cricket might have its own academy, he suggested, separately funded with lottery money. This idea received a guarded welcome from cricker's hierarchy, but in making it Mr Smith is obscuring the real issue: why shouldn't cricket, and rugby for that matter, be part of the wider national academy?

By concentrating such a scheme on non-commercial sports the Government conjures the faintly surreal picture of millions of pounds of lottery money being spent on our volleyball and synchronised swimming teams (Olympic sports, both) while nothing is done to help develop the country's cricketers, in whom the nation invests far more collective passion. Put bluntly, the nation cares far more about producing outstanding young cricketers, rugby players and footballers than young rowers or fencers. Why, then, should they be denied access to lottery

The example offered by the Aus-

tralian Institute of Sport is instructive. Its cricketing academy has been hugely successful, providing a handful of the current all-conquering Australian team — including Shane Warne — and beating Michael Atherton's grown-up team twice in a weekend on England's last

Though based in Adelaide, away from the institute's Canberra headquarters, the cricketers, like many other sports players down under, operate within the umbrella of the institute as a whole; they all benefit from the cross-pollination of expertise on such things as fitness training, sports medicine and diet. Such a scheme is surely what is required in Britain, with all the sports linked under one academy, and benefiting from the same source of

A couple of years ago when the Australian institute was being scrutinised to see what Britain might learn, its then director said: "The great advantage that Britain has is that they can plan it. Our system just grew, and it wasn't very coherent." Unless Mr Smith is very careful, ours will be a lot less coherent even than the Aussie example. Tony Blair, when he gets back from his welldeserved break, should get a grip on the whole enterprise. Sport is, in one sense, utterly unimportant; and then, of course, it matters more than almost anything that politicians get to meddle in. They had better get it right this time.

### - LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

#### **Devolution:** a recipe for corruption Sir: Those who are concerned

about corruption and croneyism in the Scottish Labour Party ("Suicide MP: call for wider probe\*, 18 August) should ponder the malien implications of Donald Dewar's proposals for the election of a Scottish Parliament. Half the MPs will be elected from party lists according to the proportion of votes cast for that party. The selection of names for those lists, the order in which they appear on the list, and thus their chances of election, will be determined by party officials, not by constituencies or the electorate.

If ever there was a recipe for putting corruption and cronevism at the beart of a parliamentary democracy this is it. Those who find their way onto this nomenklatura might be the most corrupt and unpopular people in Scotland but if they are top of the Labour party list they will still become MPs. Is this how we want Scotland to be governed?

Unless the Labour Party grasps this nettle now, the devolution referendum deserves to fail. Professor of Public International Law University of Edinburgh

Sir: I am an Englishman living in Scotland and Tam Dalyell is my Member of Parliament, and he is a very good one at that. I am completely in agreement

with him on the stance he has taken against the devolution of power to Scotland as proposed by the new government. At the weekend a senior Labour figure (name not quoted) was reported to have referred to Tam's intervention as "old Tam's rantings", but I think he seems to be the only MP who realises the dangers to the United Kingdom's union.

I really wish people in England would wake up to the dangers and lobby their MPs. The dangers are: 1. That the Scottish Parliament and British one will constantly

disagree, thus playing into the hands of the SNP. 2, If the Scottish parliament does not fulfil the wishes of the Scots

they will blame the English and 3. English people in Scotland and Scots people in England will begin to feel alienated. turn to the SNP.

4. If, as the SNP hopes, the Scottish parliament becomes a stepping stone to independence. England will not have as much influence in Europe or the rest of the world as it does at present.

The only way devolved government can possibly work is if all of the UK has assemblies for regions like the German Lander. Then the West Lothian question would not apply. ALAN GILFORD Linlithgow, West Lothian

Sir: What does devolution do? At best it duplicates effort. Otherwise it provides inferior government for the devolved territory. I do not accept that different parts of the country require separate laws or country require separate laws or policies. To claim that a resident of Llanelly is essentially distinct from one of Huddersfield is racist and wrong. Culture may differ, but the legal system should reflect uniform

underlying principles. Britain (and the rest of the free world) should reduce the level of devolution. The Scottish and Welsh offices need to be abolished. English and Scottish law must be



harmonised. (Scottish law is often superior. When this is so, why cannot the remainder of the United Kingdom benefit from it?) We need a new Act of Union to guarantee equal rights to all Her Majesty's subjects and all parts of her realm. Give devolution the raspberry it deserves. LANCE K GREEN Newport, Monmouthshire

#### Massacres at the partition of India

Sir: There have been several estimates mentioned recently of the number of deaths caused by the partition of India 50 years ago – figures of 250,000 to half a million have been put forward.

As a former officer of the Indian Police who was in the very thick of the disturbances in Lahore and Amnitsar before the partition, and as Assistant Inspector General in charge of the Indian Punjab railway police. I was interested to hear on the Channel 4 programme "Stones of the Raj" the higher estimate of one million cited.

The pendulum of death and destruction swung, over a period of many months both before and after 15 August 1947, across the whole of northern India from Calcutta to Kabul, and back again. During those months death was everywhere: in the towns and cities, in the thousands of villages, on the trains, on the roads. One of my duties in the railway police was to meet refugee trains, usually at

created Pakistan. The carnage on these trains was beyond belief - to men, women and down to the smallest infants. The

Amritsar, coming in from newly

trains were packed with thousands upon thousands of dead bodies. and many more were strewn along the track sides. The same thing was happening in the opposite

direction, where trains taking refugees out of India were, with the connivance of the railway staff. being deliberately derailed so that the passengers could easily be massacred. There was a madness i the air that was almost tangible.

In addition, nature took a hand that dreadful summer. During the monsoon there were flash floods in some places which swept away untold thousands of refugees along with their bullock carts and all their

An old Indian Civil Service friend (who stayed on in Pakistan) and I were recently discussing the question of the number of deaths, and he agreed with me that it must have been anything between one and two million, probably closer to two than to one.

It will be many years yet, on both sides of the border, before the bitterness of partition is forgotten. FB MANLEY Richmond, Surrey

### Weather or not

Sir: Forecasters on TV and radio assume that "sunny" is what we all want; "rainy" or "chilly" calls for an apology. And this at a time of national water crisis. Some of us enjoy a balanced climate and presentation that is equally so. JOHN H PAIN London SW3 Post letters to Letters to the Editor, and include a daytime telephone number. Fax: 0171-293 2056;

#### Checks on dental care

Sir: There are important differences between medical and dental care that should be considered when making reference to the changes reported in the provision of NHS dental care "Ministers study cut in free dentistry on NHS", 15 August).

For dental care the patient is expected to attend for a routine check-up within 15 months if they are to remain registered within the NHS. This is not the case for medicine, where there is no onus on the patient to attend.

People normally go to the doctor when they feel ill, and there is the benefit of feeling better having done so. This is not the case for dentistry, the majority of patients attend symptom-free. The dental examination is in effect a routine screening programme.

Finally, patient charges. In medicine, with the exception of prescription charges, care remains

more "risk" oriented the question that individuals may be asking is whether the benefits of dental attendance outweigh the costs. This may account for the large decrease in registration levels that have occurred in the 25- to 34-year-olds seen. This age cohort has seen major reductions in disease levels

largely non-chargeable.
In a society which is becoming

when compared with older groups: their risk of future problems is in consequence far smaller. The outcome that the

Government needs to set is not based on the percentage of the population registered but what percentage need care but cannot obtain it. PAUL BATCHELOR

Queen Mary and Westfield College London El Sir: The worst error in your report

was saying that porcelain crowns which cost at least £150 have been withdrawn. I wish! When I qualified in 1981, a dentist got £71 (worth more than £120 today) for the type of crown in question. Today it is £80. There is not enough money in

the public kitty to get us back to the financial position we were in. It is only a matter of time before NHS dentistry goes the way of the optical Dr GUY SIMMONS Barking, Essex

#### Racial weapons

Sir: The point about genetically engineered weapons designed to attack particular ethnic groups (Briefing, 18 August) is that they could be used in a close combat zone where one's own troops have fair chance of also being hit. Otherwise, conventional weapons vould suffice.

If in the Gulf war, for example, we had dropped gas bombs that only killed Arabs but not Caucasians, we would have done so all over the Kuwait-Iraq border, and the war would soon have been over. Of course such weapons would also

**Busy at the Tate** Sir. Ian Burrell's interpretation of visitor figures at the Tate (report, 16 August) was misleading. Last year's high visitor figures were

TIM EVERSON

Kingston, Surrey

entirely due to the Cézanne effect, which added over a half million to our regular attendance. Far from the trend being down, attendance at the Tate is conspicuously up. This, our centenary year, is set to be the busiest ever. Along with our highly popular Centenary Displays, the

have killed the Kuwaitis and half of

The truth is that most western

nations are too ethnically diverse

now for such weapons to be of use

would be to ensure that the armed

forces maintain a good ethnic mix

so that in the event of attack some

soldiers would survive to hold the

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small but unacceptable losses on

our own side, unless we introduced

would be politically unacceptable.

ethnically pure battalions, which

because there would always be

line for reinforcements.

Non-western nations are

percentage of our own soldiers.

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our allies, as well as a small

exhibition programme includes three major blockbusters, Mondrian, Rossetti and Bonnard. Last Saturday was the gallery's busiest day ever, with over 8,000 visitors, and we are already up over 20 per cent on figures for the same period last year. DAMIEN WHITMORE Head of Communications Tate Gallery

### Hiss and boo the musical purists

Sir: Reading the correspondence on the subject of the Proms' audiences (Letters, 14 and 19 August) has reminded me why it is so long since I have been to a

concert in a non-performing role.
The modern institution of the classical concert seems to be specially designed to frighten off "outsiders". The quasi-religious atmosphere is reinforced by an arcane set of commandments for the "congregation": thou shalt clap in the right places (try explaining to a first-time concert-goer why the leader is applauded before he/she has played a note), thou shalt not make noises in the wrong place,

What would lure me back to concerts would be a return to the pre-Victorian days when audience participation was the norm: oh, to have been in the audience when Mozart's Paris Symphony was premièred – the spontaneous reaction of the audience during the performance was entirely what Mozart intended. Had Mozart been greeted by the husbed reverence of today's concerts, he would have wondered what had

gone wrong. So go on then, Promenaders, if you're excited, shout and clap, if you're shocked, hiss and boo, if you're just plain bored, talk amongst yourselves. Should any of the "cognoscenti" ask you to keep quiet, I would suggest that you advise them to go and buy the CD; then they could go and listen to the music without the interruptions of others less "knowledgeable" than themselves BRIAN R MOORE

#### Take a break

Sir: Why must we have a retirement age at all ("As people live longer let them work longer\*,18 August)? We still let ourselves be dragooned into cohorts, as in the Industrial Revolution, with training followed

by work, followed by pension. In our flexible world it would make better sense for everyone to alternate periods of education, employment and retirement throughout life, according to personal as well as economic

circumstances. Much of the stigma of unemployment would vanish if it were considered normal for people of "working age" to be taking time to raise young children or to further their own education. PISTEWART

#### Gallic wit

Sir: I like the French (Letters, 14, 16 and 18 August). I find them invigorating and stimulating. They call a spade a spade, they do not suffer fools gladly and they give no quarter. Perhaps that is why many of the English cannot cope with them. IOHN ČUNDILL London SW15

### Old enemies

Sir: John Prescott's remarks about Peter Mandelson ("Hope you claw your way on, Peter", 19 August) remind me of Ernie Bevin's retort when a colleague remarked of Mandelson's grandfather, Herbert Morrison, that Herbert was his own worst enemy - "Not while I'm alive, he ain't.' TOBY SIMON



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From Wall St

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Treneman -

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at Cetta runs the

kind of steakhouse that makes America

great, but his restau-

rant is known for

something besides its menu: a

mob boss was murdered on

the pavement outside Sparks Steak House on East 46th Street in New York a few years ago. This has now become "the

incident", and it's the kind of

thing you don't really want to

mention. I'm not bothered,

though, because I have called Mr Cetta about a different sort

of mob and a different sort of

There is a rumour that lunch

is simply not what it used to be in New York. It has become ~

well – a social event. The chat

is almost as light as the food,

and the sparkling water flows like wine. These days, the seri-

ous uncorking doesn't occur

until 5pm - for this is now Wall

Street's new power-eating hour.

thing of the past," one broker maintains as his surf and turf

arrives with a \$100 bottle of wine at a Wall Street haunt -

their jobs, and they weren't

going to take off three hours in the middle of the day to go and

and it isn't even 6pm yet.

"Lunch is gone. Lunch is a

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# Power-lunching is passé, darling. Let's do dinner

it. It's just that these days, Mr

Cetta explains, they love it a lit-

tle later in the day than before.

means eating light, think again.

"This is not a light meal," says

Pat Felitti, the manager of Mor-

But if you think eating early

They are calling it the power dinner, the early bird special, those whose passion is money have lunch. They want to be at point, because this is the perfect and the making of it. Mr Cetta their desk. They don't want to has a theory about this which he miss anything. Now they come is eager to share. This is how I see it. I think in here about 5pm. They've been at work since 7am. You the whole thing really started a have to realise they work few years ago with this thing called downsizing. People started to worry a little about through lunch, so this early

dinner really is their lunch. They are ready to relax and to

And Sparks does not disap-

place for power eating. Its menu declares it to be "The Fort Knox of Fine Aged Prime Beef". Here you can feast on the finest 20-ounce sirloin steak, large live lobsters and top it off with a slice of walnut pecan pie à la mode. There are 30 kinds of single malt whisky and a wine cellar with 100,000

ton's of Chicago. Don't be confused by the name: Morton's is a chain, and this particular one is near the World Financial Centre in Manhattan, "There is the 24-ounce porterhouse or the 16-ounce rib-eye with an

appetiser and salad and so on. plus dessert and coffee," The 230 names on his wine list do not go unread either. Most people say that it could not happen in Britain, but then again no one thought it would

happen in New York. Tve never seen anything like it before," says Ken Aretsky, who used to be president of the 21 Club and nine months ago opened a restaurant called Patroon at East 46th Street.

When I was at the 21 Club, we

what I see - and what others in the business are seeing - is that the brokers are not going out to lunch anymore. Instead they come here at about five. They are here to do business and they

are spending money." This sort of thing knows no season. It has been a hot summer in this city but the brokers are still ordering steak and what Mr Aretsky calls " big" wine. "New York right now is on a roll. The market is going up every day. There is a tremendous boom and it feeds into what is going on," says Mr Aretsky.

And what is going on is lucrative indeed, because the brokers have created a new dinner sitting. "I love this trend because it adds a whole other meal period," says Pat Felitti. You get a nice early hit and then it still gives you plenty of room for the regular diners at

So here is the Felitti guide to

bottles. Wall Street types love had nobody at five o'clock. But early eating. The market closes lunch, too, but there's no quesat 4.30pm and by 5pm the tion it is more fun to celebrate traders and brokers are walking after work than in the middle through his door. They go to the bar, or sit right down. "We As one broker said: "I talk more to these guys than I do to my own wife." Now, thanks to

take reservations from 5pm. Most nights - and especially midweek - the dining room is full by 6pm. We seat 130 there and then we have another 90 in the banquet rooms. All of those are filled with meetings of eight. 12 or sometimes 20 people, for small presentations and things like that."

The jackets come off and the ties are flipped over the shoulder. Almost everyone in the restaurant is male, and the atmosphere is boisterous. Red meat, red wine and machismo do not come cheap, however. On average it costs \$75 per head and the tables look like a public service health warning for heart disease.

It may sound like a debauch munched the very morning of our interview. "Orange juice but they treat it like a meeting.
Mr Cetta remembers a time and croissants. We've got a when people met in this way at good early start and it does beans at 6pm, too.

meeting in your sleeping time. We don't want to waste any par of the day."

One of the people munching with him that morning turns out

seem the thing to do now. I suppose to a certain extent its

to be Simon Titchener, a Eures business development executive who had just come baci from the States with his own power dinner story to tell. " did feel quite strange having dinner so early. Normally has past five is my time for an afternoon cake or something.
But once I got over the shock I did quite enjoy it. The evening is free - and they value their leisure time - and I did actually sleep better. It's much better

for you."
But Britons tend not to care too much about such things and Bob Cotton, the director of corporate affairs for catering giant Gardner Merchant, is not convinced. America may set some trends - lunches are lighter. fresher and less alcoholic these days on both sides of the Atlantic - but not when it

comes to timing.
"When you eat is about local culture," he says. "If you go to Holland, lunch is still all about a cold sandwich. That is a power lunch in Holland. If you go to Brussels, which is only 50 miles away, lunch is still a five-course event that takes two hours." And what about here?

"The power hour is still ipm." In London, the most powerful hour of them all - pace Messrs Blair and Clinton, who recently sat down to dinner at the Pont de la Tour not long after the traditional British tea time - ticks away at the Savoy

Here the panelling is yew the glasses sparkling and the tables just so. The maître d', Angelo Maresca, is one of those men with whom one feels instantly at home. If lunch is about comfort food then this sort of service is as comfortable as it gets. His regulars hardly need to enunciate their requests. He knows their special table, whether they want sparkling or still, the correct wine, how they like their favourite meal cooked, whether it is one sugar or two in the coffee. "We take all the worry from them," says Mr Maresca, and even I feel better upon hearing this news.

Wall Street's early bird dinner may be all about steak and machismo, but power eating at the Savoy is subtler than that. Here any food can be powerful or, more accurately, make you look powerful. The thing about the Savoy Grill is that you never know what the day will bring," says the chef, David Sharland,

children a bedtime story or "Some customers have their favourites and sometimes I only So could it happen here? Ian need to see the name to know how to cook it. One must have tor of Eurest's London and only gluten-free food. Another City catering operations, and he insists on having nachos and so remembers when no one we do those for him. One wanted baked beans, 'Baked either. Now even the most dedbeans? From a tin?' Yes, that' what he wanted and so we a few figures at 8am. In fact, Mr Mitchell admits to having flambéed him some."

Now that is just about as powerful as it gets. Of course there's no real reason why yo can't have flambéed bake

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### The Major Years: a memoir in the making

Testerday morning on the Today programme they were discussing why it is that political biographies sell so badly. It seems that new books on Tony Blair and William Hague are currently on the worst-seller list, and Julian Critchley and Tony Howard were being asked to The real reason is, of

course, that neither Blair nor Hague has yet done anything worth writing about, but the point made by both Critchley and Howard was that Alan Clark's racy diaries had changed the face of political biography and made everything else seem plodding. They agreed that Harold Wilson and Norman Fowler, and Peter Walker and Kenneth Baker, had all produced impressively dull books, that it was unlikely that the Thatcher book would ever get its advance

back for HarperCollins ("Many hands make heavy work," someone wittily remarked of the Thatcher millstone masquerading as a book) and that the only really good political memoir of recent years had been Denis Healey's. Austin Mitchell was bright and independent

political memoir, someone

aid, but who else ...? What was extraordinary was that nobody mentioned John Major as the possible writer of a political autobiography. Here he is, newly tumbled from office, newly resigned as Tory leader, with nothing to do except watch cricket. What clearer signs could there be that the man is wanting to write his life story? Why did Critchley and Howard not even mention

him as a candidate? Because they must have known the truth. That John Major is writing his life story, in conditions of the utmost secrecy. How do I

know this? Because I am the

man who has been chosen to do it with him. You may have recently noticed at the bottom of this column the apologetic rubric: 'Miles Kington is away" or "Miles Kington is on holiday"

or some such mild untruth. I have in fact been at a secret hideaway in Hertfordshire working with John Major on his life story. And hard going it has been. The man has obviously been so schooled in parliamentary



Miles Kington

life that he can hardly bring himself to admit anything. This may be excellent for a Prime Minister, but it is disastrous for the subject of a life story.

"What are your chief memories of your prime ministerial years?" I asked him on the first day, by way of a softener.

We came into office determined to press on with our reforms," he said. leaning forward on the table in that familiar pose of the pub bore at the saloon bar which he always adopted during PM's Question Time.

We had a mandate, and we

were going to use that mandate to press ahead with privatisation, and efficiency, and cutting

the "early bird special", he can

talk to both, because by 7.30pm

the coffee cups are empty.

Allow for the commute home

and Wall Street's finest can be

back in the suburbs, reading the

even talking to the wife, by 8pm

Mitchell is the managing direc-

believed in the power breakfast

icated sceptics are chewing over

through red tape ..."

"Mr Major!" I said sharply. "We are going to be wasting our time if you persist in regurgitating the. hack phrases of Central Office or whoever dreamt up this dreadful stuff. I want your story. I want to know how you remember the

Major Years."
"The Major Years," he repeated dreamily. "The Major Years ... I like it ... Is that what we are going to call the book?" "The title comes later," I

said strictly. "First of all we have to establish your story. For a start, tell me how you remember it all. What are the memories that come back most vividly?"

He sat for a moment reminiscing inwardly. Then he seemed to snap out of it.

"Nothing," he said cautiously. "Nothing comes back at all." "Nothing?"

You must remember that we had inherited the most holy mess from the previous Labour government. But we brought fresh hope. We had a

mandate, and we were going to use that mandate to press ahead with privatisation, and efficiency, and cutting through red tape ..." "Mr Major!" I said

peremptorily. "This is a waste of time. We are going to get nowhere if you will persist in mouthing platitudes. Please let me have your own impressio not your platitudes honed for the market-place ... '

Mr Major rose from his chair at this point and got down a large book from the shelf. For a moment I though with wild delight that it was some form of journal which. he had secretly kept during his Downing Street years. But then I realised that it was a dictionary, and I saw, over his shoulder, somewhat to my surprise, that he was looking

up the word "platitude". 'Gosh! Splendid!" he said, as he read the definition. "I like the sound of these things!" I realised then that it was

going to be harder than I had ever imagined. Tomorrow: why Michael Howard was never sacked,

and what John Major can...

never forgive Chris Patteri for

### Doctor, doctor, you're not on my wavelength

You don't need to be a top-flight scientist to palpate an abdomen or administer an enema. So why do we select only students with top exam marks to become bored Every summer, as the

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A-level results are published, Britain's medical schools move in to sweep up the brightest and the best of the new genera-tion's scientific elite. This year, 10,016 students applied to train as doctors and 4,471 were accepted. On a scale that gives 10 points for an A grade, eight for a B and so on, the average A-level score of those who were successful was 28.3, better than two As and a B. Even when the 5.000-plus who were unsuccessful are included, the average score is 24.5, only slightly worse than an A and two Bs. Only veterinary science demanded a higher score, of 29.1, but that was for only 494 places. It may seem comforting to

know that those who will hold our lives in their hands are the brainiest in the land. The field of medicine is now so vast, and the pace of advance so rapid, that only the best minds have a chance of acquiring the necessary expertise. But there is more to medicine than making a diagnosis. It is also about listening. understanding and providing reassurance based on secure knowledge - the soothing hand on the brow. Are we sure we are selecting the best men and women for the job?

One country is said to have adopted a radical approach to this problem. In the Seventies, so the story goes, Israel required all med-ical school applicants to undergo an IQ test. Those who scored over 130 were automatically rejected.

The story may be apocryphal, but it high-lights an important truth. Medical practice, like other jobs, is often routine and repetitive. While there are openings for the super-bright, there is also the risk that the profession will not offer enough to keep them intellectually

And after 20 years of seeing patients, most of them with one of only half-a-dozen com-One editor of a medical magazine used to boast that his largest ever postbag followed publication of an article by a doctor who said he was bored at 40.

Medicine is a broad church. There should be a place for everyone - the brilliant research scientist as well as the dextrous surgeon and the empathic general practitioner. There is even a place for those who abhor patients (and prefer looking down microscopes in the path-ology lab) and those who come over queasy at the sight of blood (but do a good job running public health departments). But can one criterion of choice - academic attainment - select for all these?

Selection has to be fair to the applicants, fair to the public and fair to the nation. On all counts there is evidence that the selection procedure is failing. There are the drop-outs from medical schools, who are both an expensive loss and sad casualties. They have wasted their time and denied a place to others who were more suited to the course.

There is the loss of medical graduates in the early years, some of them casualties of the punishing hours and heavy workload, others of an outmoded medical hierarchy that still relies on patients over a career that should last 40 years.



Jeremy Laurance

Medical schools must accept lower A-levels in order to

avoid creating bored GPs

In Choosing Tomorrow's Doc-tors, a collection of papers pub-lished by the institute, she quotes some of the remarks made to her by newly qualified medics, whose training costs around £200,000 each. "Medicine was OK except for the people," said one. "I found the whole thing of having to look after people too difficult. I felt I couldn't do them

education by humiliation. Some

estimates put their numbers as

high as 25 per cent, but that

includes temporary losses,

including twentysomethings seeing the world, and women wanting to start a family. The

true figure is probably nearer 6

plaints from patients about poor

communication and a lack of

care. The charge runs that the emphasis on academic attain-

ment may be ruling out people

with the personal qualities nec-essary for developing the intuitive car and bedside man-

ner that are essential to good

from Isobel Allen, a research fellow at the Policy Studies Insti-

tute, who has spent the best part of two decades following doc-

tors as their careers progress or falter. She observes that many of

those who become doctors do so

simply because they were good

at science, without having any

idea what doctoring involves.

She noted high levels of regret

among young doctors, some of

whom were quite open about

their dislike of patients, and

who might have been better off

The evidence here comes

More disturbing are the com-

to 7 per cent.

any good - and I didn't give a damn anyway." Another said: "I didn't realise how much other people irritated me. I wanted to slap their

as scientists.

faces and say 'Pull yourself together'." A third said: "I will always regret becoming a doctor. Ten years of my life would have been better spent doing something else." Ms Allen describes these interviews as

heartbreaking. "These were the brightest and the best of their generation, but by the time we interviewed them we were hearing some very sad tales."

There has to be a better way, and in New the last five years the medical school in Auckland has pioneered a new form of medical student selection which relies less on academic grades and more on personality assessment. It also includes a group exercise which is designed to explore individuals' capacity to work as members of a team. This is given equal weight with academic performance in awarding places, and the initial experience is said to be encouraging.
Other research shows that learning style may

be as important as A-level grades in determining success as a doctor, but cannot be picked out by exams. So-called "surface learners" who absorb a lot of facts, may do as well in their exams as "deep learners," who spend longer grasping the basic principles, are more reflective, and are thought to be better suited to the lifelong study that medicine requires.

Medical schools in the UK must now bite

the bullet and recognise the need to accept lower A-level grades in order to provide the flexibility to select on other criteria.

If they do not, we risk training a generation of doctors who will become frustrated, dis-

### What you can buy for a trillion dollars

by Hamish McRae

wo little items from the last few days' papers. One is that Bill Gates, head of Microsoft, looks like becoming the world's first trillionaire – a personal fortune of more than \$1,000 billion – in the next seven years, or so calculates The New York Times. The other, from the Mirror, reports that there are now 130,000 sterling millionaires in Britain and that there will be 200,000 by 2000.

You can quarrel with the NYT sums, because they assume that Microsoft shares will carry on rising at the present rate of 58 per cent a year, which they won't. But the message still carries weight. Mr Gates, at present worth \$42 billion, is just the most extreme example of the way economic growth in America is creating personal wealth on a scale that the world has not known for two or three generations. On a much smaller scale the same process is taking place here.

With wealth comes power. In many ways the world, and par-ticularly the US, is reverting to the sort of balance of power that existed before the First World War. Then, individual govern-ments were relatively less important. There was a global financial market so that, like now, they had little control over exchange rates or interest rates. Private sector money, rather than state funds. was used to finance big infrastructural projects, as is increasingly happening at the moment. And the most vibrant commercial organisations, the booming companies of the day, tended to be run by powerful individuals rather than salaried managers, again rather as seems to be

happening today.
So the shift of power is not just from public sector to private sector, within the private sector there is a shift from bureaucratones run by owner-managers. The new heroes are charismatic businessmen, not corporate suits.

If a government wants some-

thing done, it find itself increas-

ingly turning to these people. Look at the cheer that went up when Bill Gates backed the plan to set up a research centre in Cambridge; George Soros has been supporting the rebuilding of eastern Europe; here we tend to look to Richard Branson when-ever a businessman is needed to fix things. The reason is that the self-made billionaire can operate with a freedom that is denied to both governments and shareholder-owned companies. Governments are answerable to taxpayers for every cent they spend; managers are answerable to shareholders. The billionaires are answerable only to themselves - they are free to spend their money in the most conspicuous way possible. And they do. Bill Gates does



The mega rich: Bill Gates, centre, joins (clockwise from top right) John D Rockefeller, Comelius Vanderbilt, Frank Gould, George W Harriman and J P Morgan

Montage: Mark Hayman Montage: Mark Hayman

Rich human beings are behaving exactly as they did a century ago ... money had to be wasted and the more wasteful the spending, the greater the social status

so by building the largest private palace in America since the war. The Fayed family do so by using the second largest yacht in private ownership to pull triple-A

Here, rich human beings are behaving exactly as they did a century ago. I happened a couple of days ago to pick up Thorstein Veblen's economic classic The Theory of the Leisure Class, published in 1899, in which he invented the expression "conspicuous consumption". He was writing at the time when enormous wealth had been accumulated by a few American families - the Vanderbilts, the Harrimans, the Goulds, the banker J P Morgan and a generation later

the oil magnate J D Rockefeller. These families were determined to display that wealth in the most conspicuous way possible. It was not good enough to spend money to be comfortable; money

had to be wasted and the more wasteful the spending, the greater the social status conferred on the spender.

late-nineteenth century consumption which are familiar today. Some of his conspicuous leisure activities, such as owning racehorses and yachts, live on; though now there are new ones such as heli-skiing or, in the case of Mr Branson, going round the world in a balloon. Veblen also remarks on the preference for a hand-crafted product rather than a machine-made one, even though the latter does the job just as well. This still goes on, for the rich still buy expensive watches. A Swatch tells the time just as accurately as a Rolex. And no-

one gets museed for a Swatch. Other aspects of conspicuous consumption have changed slightly in form. Thus the trophy

uncomfortable clothes to maintain their status, whereas now they have to put in uncomfortable hours in the gym to main-Veblen notes many aspects of tain their figures. And the personal servants of his day were footmen, butlers and maids, whereas now these would be personal secretaries, publicists and bodyguards.

All this might seem a little depressing, or at least it is until you consider the alternative. Two or three generations of peaceful wealth generation will enable a large number of people to have enough money to live well and still have plenty to spare. What ended that period last time was the First World War and no-one should wish that on the world again. If global peace continues, there will be more rich people around, bringing with them val-ues very similar to our Victorian

forebears.

Besides, the values of Bill
Gates, George Soros or Richard Branson give a fizz to the world which it would not otherwise have. (I suppose even Dodi gives a certain something too.) That fizz makes things happen in a way impossible in a world led by politicians, bureaucrats or salaried managers.

To see this different quality,

look at the way global telecommunications are being revolutionised at the moment. This is the most important single change happening in the world economy.

The driving force is not governments, which have tended to stifle competition by regulation and only recently have learned to let the market determine what should happen. Nor is the driver the old telephone companies. which have fought to maintain their mono-polies as long as possible. Nor is it big computer companies

No. The drive comes from individuals who have broken the old rules. Bill Gates is at the apex of that pyramid, but there are many, many, more on the ladder behind. The new industries of the next century will be created by new money, and will in turn create new money. The vigour will come from some of those 200,000 British millionaires, and from the vastly greater number of new millionaires being created in countries like India and the tiger economies of East Asia.

We are used to living in a world run by governments and corporations. They will of course continue, but they will be less important. In the future the world will be not be changed by them. It will be changed by rich people, bringing with them their values, good and bad; and the erate yet more rich people. Concentration of power in a

few hands of course brings dangers, though it is worth remembering that the American fortunes of the last century were generated - and spent - within the world's most assuredly democratic nation. It is worth remembering too (though Veblen did not make this point) that much of the wealth was redistributed by conspicuous charity, another way of achieving social status. Still, a lot of the new wealth is going to be wasted - expect more conspicuous consumption in the years ahead.

### 'Stealing has more dignity.' Discuss

less, he told me, is that they are frauds. "My sister had a pub and one of them would come in every evening and change £80 of coins into notes, he said as we journeyed between two posh parts of Edinburgh. "He was in a wheelchair and wore a combat jacket to make it look like he had been invalided out of the Army. But in reality he was a football fan who had jumped under a train and lost a leg in Paris when Hearts lost 5-1 to Paris St Germain." So he was a cripple? "Well, yes, but he shouldn't have been wearing the combat The Edinburgh Evening News was

of similar mind: "City gets tough on violent vagrants," it proclaimed that day, at the end of a year-long campaign. But were homelessness, drunkenness, violence and aggressive begging all necessarily synonymous, I wondered, as I knocked at the door of the Bethany Christian Trust in that part of Leith which is the red-light and drug-dealing area.

"Can you really make £80 a day at it?" I asked a group of former down-and-outs, who were residents at the trust's drink and drugs rehabilitation

"You could if you did an eighthour shift at it," said one grizzled character. "But I was a park-bench drinker; my sole concern was where the next bottle was coming from. So I would just beg enough for the next drink and then go and get it. It was a despicable activity; I hated myself." Begging is demeaning, agreed one of his fellows - at least stealing has some dignity". Philosophers, please

It was tea break. The group, in

The trouble with these homethe morning in a group criticism ses sion in which one of them was subjected to the scrutiny of their peers. That morning's victim wasn't there; he had gone to his room to calm, down. "None of us like it when it's our turn," said one hollow-cheeked man, "but it works. Other rehabs are like prisons, or they leave you idle all day. Here they keep your mind occupied." It's not enough to do the time here, the centre's manager, Gordon Weir, told them. "You have to dig deep to find the seeds of your addictive behaviour."

For all that, when the trust's director. Alan Berry, a former Baptist minister in the city, gives talks at churches about the project, the question most often asked is: "Should we

give to beggars?" He says "no".
"I've had more flak about this than any other subject," he said. "Giving may make the giver feel good or less guilty, but it's not good for people to receive hand-outs. Moreover, they're not begging for needs but to sustain habits. Instead of helping the person to improve, you're encouraging them in a life of drunkenness or drugs." Buy food, give a meal voucher, pay an electricity bill, buy a railway ticket, he says, but don't give money. "In the ladder out of the pit of homelessness the aim must be to give a level of support that doesn't encourage

dependency."
"He's right," said Jim, who works in the rehab kitchen. "If they insist on giving, they should give to places such as Bethany, which relies on charity for all its money." Jim should know. He has been into the rehab eight times. He always relapses. Amiable when sober, he becomes a

**A JOURNEY** AROUND THE WHOLE ISLAND OF GREAT **BRITAIN** 



WITH PAUL VALLELY different being with drink. "When I member. "These aren't just people go out I can't face the loneliness, who need a front door and a key. boredom, isolation," he said. It is tacitly understood by all that Jim is now there for life. But Jim is, in his way, a success

story. Bethany routinely fails: 90 per cent of rehabilitation attempts nationwide do. Alan Berry does not like to put figures on it, but Bethany has a failure rate of a mere 84 per cent. But isn't even that dispiriting? "What is failure?" asked Gordon Weir. For many, being here at all is a success. Relapse can be part of the process of recovery. We're great believers in the second chance.

The fruits of this are all around. In the kitchen. Neil, a former resident, is on the staff as cook. The trust's plumber used to run drugs - amphetamines - from the Continent. The hostel's manager, John Rodgers, is "a recovering alcoholic" who came to Bethany for help 10 years ago. "I would do anything for a drink. I stole my mother's pension book. I don't think you can get any lower. I'll never forget the expression on her face when she found out. Bethany changed my life dramatically. They broke down my hard exterior; they treated me with love and respect.

Over the last decade he has gone from sleeping in a gutter to being asked to take charge of a hostel for 28 people, managing 15 professional staff. "I get a lot of opportunities to share the love I have received. I know what people have been through because I've been through it myself; I also know when they are trying to pull the wool over my eyes." For all his compassion, he is no soft touch. That morning he had evicted someone who had kicked down a door the night before and threatened a staff Tomorrow: Cockermouth

They have a bagful of problems from personal hygiene and poor communication skills, to an inability

Ian Paterson runs the trust's

employment training programme to deal with that. It teaches the homeless how to write a CV, make a follow-up phone call and handle a job interview. But with many it has to start much further back. West Lothian Council estimates that in disadvantaged areas, 30 per cent of the population have difficulty with read-ing and writing. "Many of those we deal with are second or third generation unemployed," said Paterson.
"Many are so far behind, they have to be taught the most basic life skills - like the need to get up and arrive at work on time every day. They have to be shown even that there can be satisfaction in work." The trust tries to do that by offering training in the shops it runs to raise funds selling good quality second-hand goods in upmarket Edinburgh suburbs.
The day ended at 10pm with Alan

Berry visiting the Care Van, which hands out soup and clothes on Waverley Bridge for an hour every night. The side of the van bore the words: "Staffed by people from Edinburgh and Lothian churches, extending a helping hand to people in "Some 200 Christians a month

take turns to staff the van," said Alan Berry. "I sometimes wonder who it does most good to - those who staff the van, or those who get the soup." It is not, fortunately, a question over which he wastes too much time.



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### Laura Ashley to close two factories

### Chief executive expects half-year loss of £4.5m

Nigel Cope City Correspondent

Laura Ashley confirmed its investors' worst fears yesterday when it issued a long-expected profits warning and announced the closure of two of its factories in Wales with the loss of al-

The severity of the announcement caused dismay in the City as the com-pany said it would record a £4.5m loss at the half-year stage and would only break even at the full year.

The warning, which included fresh disappointment about a slowdown in home furnishings sales, will intensify the pressure on Ann Iverson, the company's American chief executive who was paid £1m last year, to step down. She was appointed 18 months ago to

revive the ailing company's fortunes.
Laura Ashley has had a dreadful few months, with a string of senior executives, including design and buying director Basha Cohen, leaving the group. Now Ms Iverson has been forced to put US expansion plans, the central part of her new strategy, on hold. The shares, which have been as high as 220p in the past 12 months, closed a penny lower at 55.5p.

Nick Bubb, retail analyst at Societe Generale Strauss Turnbull, said: "It's pretty hopeless. It is a very real shortfall and there is no hint of an apology."

Another analyst said Ms Iverson's position was looking increasingly vulnerable: "She's paid a lot of money and she's made a lot of mistakes. Where is the accountability? If the business is not pointing in the right direction by next spring she will have

Ms Iverson said yesterday that she

was determined to stay at the company and see her strategy through: "I am deeply committed and I believe the strategy is right. The potential of the brand has not been realised."

She said she did not regret returning to Britain from her native America to take the job: "Absolutenot. I believe the brand has potential but the scale of the problems

were greater than anticipated." Ms Iverson said Sir Bernard Ashley, Laura Ashley's widow, whose family speaks for 35 per cent of the group. had not discussed taking the group private. She said both Sir Bernard and the Japanese group Jusco, which also owns a substantial stake, were

supportive of the strategy.

Ms Iverson will receive a pay cut
to just her basic salary of £450,000 this year as the performance of the company is too poor to trigger bonus pay-

The £4.5m first-half loss will include a £1m charge for the closure of two garment sewing factories in Wales at Caemarfon and Machynlleth. The company will increase sourcing from overseas, though two other garment factories in Wales are unaffected.

The decision was criticised both by the unions, who blamed the closures on poor management, and the local mayor, William Jones, who said it was a devastating blow to local employment: "The saddest thing is that there is nothing else here. There is no other work for these girls."

Laura Ashley blamed its profits warning on a slowdown in sales following a return to full-price retailing, continued below-budget sales in new stores in the United States and a £2m advertising campaign in America. Laura Ashley will not open any fur-

ther stores in the US until the new store performance improves. Ms Iverson said the company would con-

"The breadth of the brand is not the at the right time. Group like-for-like

issue. It is the infrastructure," she said.

The company's systems have not months to 26 July. However, adjust-The company's systems have not tinue to offer women's wear, chil- been able to ensure that the right dren's wear and home furnishings. product reached the right locations

ing the figures for currency effects brings the total to 5 per cent.

Photograph: Brendan Corr/FT

The company has been affected by boardroom departures, including its merchandising director and UK finance director. An announcement on the design appointment will be made soon.

### Jaguar looks at building new car in UK

Chris Godsmark Business Correspondent

Jaguar, the luxury car group owned by Ford of the US. yesterday said there was a strong possibility that it would build a new "small" saloon in the UK, in an investment programme that could exceed £500m.

Nick Scheele, Jaguar's chairman, confirmed that initial feasibility studies for a third Jaguar model range had proved positive and a more in-depth study into the business case for the car, code-named X400, would be completed in three months. Jaguar believes it could sell

100,000 of the cars, doubling its current production plans, which would compete with the successful BMW 3-series. It would also provide thousands more jobs, on top of the company's

6.300 strong workforce. While Mr Scheele put the chances of pressing ahead with the X400 at "no more than 50-50", he said he hoped it could be built in Britain.

"I'd like to think we can find somewhere in the UK that's economically possible. We're look-ing at our two sites in the West Midlands by doing something innovative there, because we just don't have the capacity there. We could then move on to look at alternatives, including a location elsewhere in the UK."

The biggest barrier to producing the car at Jaguar's existing plants was capacity at its Castle Bromwich paint facility. which was already being expanded for the arrival of the new medium-sized saloon range in 1999. The \$600m investment project to build the car, the X200, was confirmed last year after the Government offered

a £80m state aid package. Jaguar hoped to assemble the new small car in its Brown's Lane production plant, but said it may need a 100-acre greenfield site, adding substantially to the cost. Mr Scheele continued: "I here's just no way we can find a site like that nearby."

Coventry Council, which had already been in discussions with Jaguar about the project, said it believed it could come up with a location. Chris Beck, from the authority's development directorate, said: "We would try to meet their needs by offering a range of sites in Coventry or the

surrounding area."
Mr Scheele insisted the UK's chances of building the car did not depend on the level of government aid. "It's true to say most investments which create that number of jobs are liable

### Branson and BA in new clash

Randeep Ramesh Transport Correspondent

The battle for the skies above the Atlantic reached a new pitch yesterday as the bosses of Virgin Atlantic and British Airways clashed over BA's plan to link up with American Airlines.

Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin Atlantic and one of the deal's most vociferous critics, told US Congressmen that the proposed alliance between BA and American was "one of the most outrageous developments in the history of air transportation". He said the two airlines were far too big to get together and a link

would just put prices up.

Mr Branson was appearing in London before the influential US House of Representatives Committee on Transportation also meeting BA yesterday. He also accused BA of having

several secret agreements with other state carriers that would only come to light after the deal with American had gained gov-ernment approval. "We believe that they have secret agreements with JAL [Japan Air Lines]. Iberia [Spain's flag carrier] and

KLM," said Mr Branson. However Bob Ayling, the chief executive of BA, went on the attack by claiming that Virgin Atlantic was "afraid of new competition".

Mr Ayling said his deal would allow UK airports to be opened to all US airlines. "Virgin wants to maintain its cosy position at Heathrow with access denied to airlines such as Continental, US Airways, Delta, TWA and Northwest ... Virgin is afraid of increased competition."

The deal between BA and American, the world's largest airline in terms of sales, is already way behind schedule and

has floundered in the face of offered on a franchise basis, with regulatory pressures.

Karel Van Miert, the European Commissioner in charge of competition policy, has made it clear he will not endorse the deal in its current form. The price demanded by Mr Van Miert, which involves BA having to give up 350 take-off and landing slots at Heathrow, is too high for either airline.

For Mr Branson, who meets Mr Van Miert later today, slots are not the only issue. " I would also like to see a review of frequent flier programmes and airport capacity considered," he said. "Small carriers wishing to start transatlantic flights would find it impossible without access to the new mega-airlines

frequent flier programme." Mr Branson also proposed a new mechanism to help ease the slot constraint at Heathrow. He believes that slots should be

government regulators letting them out to airlines who propose the most customer-friendly

"It needs government intervention to bring about proper competition," said Mr Branson. If the new Labour government

- with which Mr Ayling has links

- refuses to challenge Brussels,
many analysts believe BA will revert to a marketing alliance with American and bide its time for

a full partnership. BA would calculate that eventually, the pressure to open the skies over Europe would become so great that it could win clearance without having to bow to Mr Van Miert.

The US Congressional committee's deliberations are part of the overall American investigation into the alliance, although the key ruling will come from the European Commission.

### Footsie bounces back as fears of German rate rise recede

Financial Editor.

Leading shares returned to etary policy also appeared less favour yesterday after Wall Street continued its recover from last Friday's sharp fall and the prospect of an imminent rise in German interest rates receded. The FTSE 100 index closed 79 points higher at 4914.0, clawing back some of the 4.7 per cent of its value it had lost in the previous five trading

Shares were boosted in early trading after the Bundesbank announced that its next securities repurchase would take place at an unchanged Repo rate of 3 per cent. Further encouragement was provided by a slowing in the rate of annual

many from June's 6.4 per cent to 5.7 per cent. A tightening of German mon-

likely after a report from the Ormisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) said there was no need to raise interest rates. The report said inflation was under control. while the German economy was set to grow 2.25 per cent and a further 2.75 per cent next year on the back of the continuing depreciation of the mark.

Worries about an early rise in German interest rates were a major contributor to last Friday's heavy stock market falls on both sides of the Atlantic. But doubts crept in after evidence emerged of a split within the Bundesbank over the money supply growth in Ger-need to raise interest rates.

esterday to close at just under DM2.95. The rise in the pound pegged back the market's second-liners, which include many exchange rate vulnerable exporters that have benefited from the perception that sterling has peaked for the time being. The FTSE 250 index of companies just outside the top flight added 17.2 points to 4680.8.

Sterling moved higher again

Second-line stocks were also affected by worries about retail sales figures due to be an-nounced today which are expected to show a sharp rise in activity on the high street following this summer's building society conversion windfalls. That could increase the pressure for further interest rate rises which would put more upward pressure on the exchange rate. | to state aid."

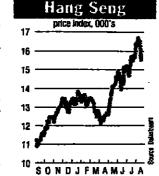
### urrency turmoil sends Hang Seng plunging

**Stephen Vines** Hong Kong

Fighting talk by the Hong Kong government, anxious to scare off currency speculators, did nothvestors who flooded the stock market with sell orders, causing the blue-chip Hang Seng Index to plunge 619 points, wiping 3.8 per cent off its value. Hong Kong is the latest

financial centre to suffer from the turmoil that has hit Far Eastern stock markets in recent weeks, following sharp falls in many local currencies. The fall in the Hang Seng, the fifth-biggest in the exchange's history, was alleviated by a mid-

741-point loss earlier in the day. Alone among important East Asian currencies, the Hong Kong dollar has withstood



heavy currency speculation which yesterday saw the Thai baht slump to a new low of 33 against the US dollar. The Korean currency fell to

afternoon bout of buy orders, a seven-year low against the dollar, while the Indonesian rupiah which lifted the index from a dipped below the psychologi-cally important 3,000 rupiah mark against the US currency

Meanwhile the Philippine peso, the Malaysian ringgit and even the once rock-solid Singapore dollar were subject to selling pressure, countered by heavy government intervention. The outbreak of speculative

activity is putting to test a host

of agreements signed last year under which East Asian countries pledged mutual assistance to fend off currency speculation.
The biggest beneficiary has been Thailand which has received considerable financial support, principally from Hong Kong and China, yet the value of its currency continues to

In Hong Kong yesterday the local currency, which is tied to the US dollar at a fixed rate, remained steady against the greenback. On Monday, Joseph Yam, the chief executive of the Yam, the chief executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, claimed victory against the sights simply because it is in a

hedge funds, which he alleged had launched an offensive against the local currency the previous Friday.

"We have won the game so far with the help of the banks which pushed the interest rate up," he said. Yesterday, Tung Chee-hwa, Hong Kong's new Chief Exec-

utive, stepped in to repeat claims made by his officials. "Any speculator who tries to attack the Hong Kong dollar will not succeed," he said firmly. Analysts point out that Hong

Kong and its new sovereign state China have combined foreign exchange holdings in excess of US\$200bn. This places the monetary authorities in a strong position to plunge into the market and battle it out with the speculators.

region perceived to have over-valued and vulnerable curren-Hong Kong government's ag-

Many Hong Kong-based investors are playing it safe and pushing funds into US dollars but the real winner may turn out to be the Japanese yen which has already slumped against the greenback and looks in-

creasingly undervalued. Meanwhile the decline in Hong Kong share prices is seen by some analysts as a useful correction in the market, the fastest-rising in the region this year, aside from Taiwan. Before yesterday's sell-off the local market was up almost 20 per cent since the beginning of the year. Most other Asian markets are well down on the year.

No one in Hong Kong was brave enough yesterday to pre-dict whether the share self-off marked the beginning of a bear market. This uncertainty was

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Hong Kong government's aggressive market activity to protect the local currency might ultimately prove too costly even for a treasury filled with foreign

exchange reserves. Despite the assistance of the People's Bank of China, which is said to have set aside \$50bn to defend the Hong Kong dollar, constant intervention in the market and the raising of interest rates might prove too costly to an economy dangerously vulnerable to external in-

The pressure on the Hong Kong dollar is rekindling the de-bate about whether the territory should retain its fixed link with the US dollar. Prominent advocates of breaking the link, such as the banker David Li. argue that it would be better to tie the local currency to a bas-

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### **British Gas** steps up fight on revenue cap

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent** 

British Gas is stepping up its latest battle with Clare Sportiswoode, the industry regulator, over the implementation of big cuts in pipeline charges rec-ommended by the Monopolies & Mergers Commission.

The company last night sub-mitted its formal response to Ms Spottiswoode's proposals, accusing her of going beyond the MMC's report in a move which could cost BG up to £500m in revenues over five years. BG yesterday refused to rule

out calling a judicial review into the changes.
The MMC investigation

largely endorsed Ofgas's planned price regime, recom-mending a cut of £29 in average domestic bills from this year. At issue in the new row is how much benefit BG should gain from fluctuations in the amount of gas running through its

With demand for gas rising sharply, BG's earnings would be likely to go up significantly. Ms Spottiswoode has proposed placing a cap on these revenues after concerns that the company's estimates for demand, on which the price controls were based, were too

The move by BG came as one of the leading gas analysts sug-

raise £100m this year from asset sales. Simon Flowers..from NatWest Securities, also increased his valuation of the

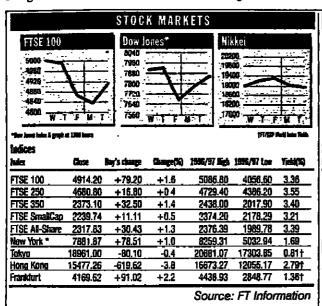
company to 280p a share.
Though BG reluctantly accepted the MMC's conclusions, David Varney, the chief executive, has since claimed the revenue cap departed "fundamentally" from the MMC's recommendations. The MMC report recognised the regulator's worries, but proposed capping only half the revenues.

The company's response will reiterate its view that Ms Spottiswoode should accept the MMC's conclusions "in their entirety". It is also likely to fuel the row by expressing BG's "disappointment" over the way the licence changes have been handled. The company will argue that a cap on all its revenues would mean it would face extra costs from the increases in demand, but would receive no

more income. Ofgas, the watchdog, is likely to announce the licence modifications next month.

A BG spokeswoman said the company was still working to seek implementation of the MMC's recommendations, "We would review the situation only if the need arose," she said.

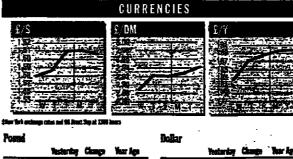
The dispute has raised new questions about the role of utility regulators as the Government continues its review into regugested the company could be on lation. Last week Northern Irethe verge of a filbn share buy-back programme and could similar rift to a judicial review. land Electricity referred a



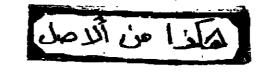
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This is not a battle BP can hope to win. Opinion may not be so behind

Greenpeace as it was post the Brent Spar fiasco - but Greenpeace is still a

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probably broken the law by causing criminal damage in this way. But since when did being right have anything to do with the shifting sands of public opinion? This is not a battle BP can hope to win. Public opinion may not be so whole-heartedly behind Greenpeace as it was post the Brent Spar fiasco - but Greenpeace is still a potent force with which many people sympathise. BP should not have adopted such a confrontational approach in the first place. Its best hope now is to find a way of backing off with honour - say by promising to drop the action in return for an undertaking from Greenpeace not to invade its platforms

principles involved.

Let's take the argument in stages. Comparison is being made with McDonald's marathon libel case, which ended in an

rights and wrongs of the case. This appears

from the outside to be one of those instances

of the lawyers, with their narrow-minded

legalistic approach to affairs, gaining the up-per hand with executives, whose job it is to

see the broader picture and act in the com-

pany's best interests, regardless of the legal

The lawyers are of course right to insist that Greenpeace should be sued, as is BP's

chief executive, John Browne, who pre-

sumably took the decision. Greenpeace has

BP has much to gain from keeping the peace B<sup>P</sup> is being stupid suing Greenpeace over its attack on the company's drilling activities West of Shetland, whatever the was a case McDonald's couldn't possibly win, despite the ludicrous nature of many of the allegations made against it. Public support would always be for the little man. The BP

case is a very different one. The McDonald's case was about defamation. To BP's credit, it has always taken the view that people can say what they like about the company pro-vided they don't accuse it of corruption. No, this case is about unlawful interference with what the company is doing. BP, then, would appear to be on much firmer ground than McDonald's.

That doesn't make its position much better in the eyes of many, however, for in this day and age, people tend to think that multinationals, and particularly big oil companies, are fair game. Oil companies apply different rules when operating in develop countries. Why not give them a dose of their own medicine back home, the argument runs.

When push comes to shove, most people will support the rule of law. For some reason there tends to be a blind spot with oil companies. In their case the invasion of property rights seems to be regarded as perfeetly okay. Lamentable though this attitude might seem, it is a fact of life. BP is likely to do itself infinitely more damage by suing Greenpeace than the £1.4m in compensation it hopes to recover.

Until BP sued, few news organisations were taking much notice of Greenpeace's actions west of Shetlands. The oil companies entirely pyrrhic victory for the company. This | might justifiably have begun to believe that

Greenpeace was a spent force, at least in its targeting of their activities. Now it's all front page news again. It is BP, not Greenpeace, that has made it so. It is easy to understand why chief executives should get all hot under the collar and jump on their high horses about this sort of thing. More often than not, however, the best policy is just to grin and bear it. At best BP has made an error judgement in suing Greenpeace.

#### The City gives Iverson six months

Ann Iverson, the flame-haired chief ex-ecutive of Laura Ashley, was recently photographed in Vogue magazine wearing life tle more than a black leather coat. "This is what those City boys dream of seeing me in," she purred. "So I might as well live up to ex-

Sadly for the by no means unattractive American, she is probably fluttering herself. Sack cloth and ashes is what the City boys reckon Ms Iverson should be wearing this season. And as for living up to expectations, Laura Ashley's shareholders might have a thing or two to say on that one.

Yesterday's profits warning was not exactly unexpected, but for all that it still managed to surprise. On top of margin pressures as the company tries to end its reputation as a mark-down masochist, there are problems in America and even a slowdown in home sector seems to be coining it.

The American difficulties must be par-

ticularly galling. Ms Iverson has staked her strategy on the great opportunities there. Now we have prices being cut by 75 per cent and the much vaunted roll-out of larger stores brought to a dramatic halt.

Perhaps she has been unlucky, perhaps the

City got too carried away and there were some unrealistic expectations out there. Unfortunately, there has also been a host of mistakes – in buying and in systems to name just two. And a long list of directors have come and gone, including some of Ms Iverson's hand-picked lieutenants.

In the longer term the business may need to achieve more focus. Joint ventures and franchise agreements must be on the cards. Dropping childrenswear must be another possibility. The City boys are giving Ms Iverson six months to start some sort of turnaround. After that the knives will be out. Meanwhile, Ms Iveson's £1m-a-year salary seems to be a thing of the past. With no bonuses, she'll have to rub along on a piffling basic of £450,000. Poor dear.

#### Holding the line is costly for Hong Kong

furnishings, just when everyone else in that | after our own failed attempt to tie ourselves to a stronger currency. Having savaged easier prey from Bangkok to Jakarta, the speculators have moved in on the former colony with a vengeance and the cost of resisting their selling is in danger of crippling the stock

and property markets.

In the past three trading days in Hong Kong, the Hang Seng index has fallen by more than 1,000 points, wiping more than 6.5 per cent from the value of the equity market. There is a real danger the present bout of nerves will turn to panic now that this last safe haven from the currency storms elsewhere in South-east Asia has been

Hong Kong still looks very different from its overblown neighbours where unsustainable growth rates and economic machismo on a grand scale have resulted in the mother of all property booms and busts. But a sound underlying economy and seamless transfer to China have provided little support from the circling vultures.

A battle royal between the deep pockets of Hong Kong's authorities and the only slightly less powerful force of the American speculative funds is brewing, with interbank rates above 10 per cent in a desperate bid to keep the currency close to its official rate against the dollar.

So soon after the handover there will be The Hong Kong authorities' struggle to maintain their dollar's peg to the US greenback looks horribly familiar five years squeezing the pips uncomfortably. enormous pressure not to abandon the link, but the cost of holding the line is

### Capital Corp sues three former employees

**Nigel Cope** City Correspondent

> Troubled casinos operator Capital Corporation yesterday issued a writ against one of its former directors and two former employees "for conspiracy to inmatters arising since 1996". The company said it had taken the action "to defend the value of the business".

Capital has been hit by a series of damaging allegations about its operations which have included questions over its gaming controls and food and beverage operations as well as the conduct of directors.

Those cited in the writ are Kenneth Thompson, the former acting chief executive, Des Pereira, the former company secretary and head of finance. and Guy Hutchinson, the former purchasing manager for food and beverage.

The writ claims that the three man formed a "conspiracy" which included:

Thringing the company and its management into disrepute; hampering the company in the presentation of its business and the financial position in its audited accounts and its defence against the hostile £192m takeover attempt by London Clubs International, and that they encouraged 11 other employees to wrongfully terminate their contracts in April and that they dissemi-nated confidential information about the company, including board minutes, to the press.

Capital is seeking damages, the return of all confidential information and an injunction preventing further disclosures.

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yesterday.

£300,000.

A long-running dispute be-tween Cowie, the bus and car

leasing group, and former di-rector Neil Pykett, who re-

signed from the board in April

just before a meeting convened

to dismiss him, came to an end

Mr Pykett accepted a payment of £100,000 in full settle-

ment of his claims against the

company at an industrial tri-

bunal. He had claimed almost £1m in damages for the termi-

nation of his three-year rolling

contract, based on his annual re-

muneration package of around

Mr Pykett joined Cowie in

1984 when it acquired Hangar

Group. As managing director of

Cowie's car leasing division he

had been seen as an eventual

successor to the group chief ex-

ecutive, Gordon Hodgson, who

reached the age of 65 last year.

But he was told in January last

year that he would only be

considered with other candi-

Last October Mr Pykett told

the board that he no longer felt fully motivated in his job and

wished to resign. At the time his

There is an additional claim against Mr Thompson for damages "on any profits made by reason of his breach of his duty [to Capital Corporation] as a director from 7 September 1993 to 22 May 1997".

The writ claims that Mr jure the company and other Thompson, a former finance director of Royal Bank of Scotland, acted on behalf of Ogden Corporation, a rival US casino group in connection with the proposed acquisition of the Cromwell Sporting Enterprises business which owns the Cromwell Mint casino. Capital Corporation was also trying to acquire the Cromwell Mint casino at the same time.

There is a further claim that in early 1997 Mr Thompson, Mr Pereira and Mr Hutchinson acted "to make a secret profit" by procuring Capital to pur-chase high-quality Cuban cigars for £104,450 from a business in which they had an interest.

It is expected that Mr Thompson and Mr Pereira will hold a press conference later this week to present their case. It is also understood that Mr Thompson's lawyer has a letter from Ogden's saying that he never acted for them.

Capital's chairman, Ernest Sharp, said the company would "continue to defend the company's business and interests vig-

The Gaming Board, which regulates the casinos industry, is looking at the company's af fairs following the allegations. Derek Burns, its deputy chief inspector, said the Gaming Board had the right to enter Capital's premises at any time during its gaming hours and inspect documents and computer files.

division accounted for 50 per

cent of group profits and the

company created a monitoring

committee to keep tabs on Mr

Pykett, which he refused to ac-knowledge.

In December Mr Pykett

asked to sell his holding of 118,790 shares but was refused

permission to do so by the chairman, Sir James McKinnon,

on the grounds that it was in-

appropriate for a director to

deal in the shares at a time when

the company was bidding for a number of bus and rail fran-

chises and its bid for British Bus

had been referred to the Mono-

polies & Mergers Commission.

would hold the company re-

sponsible for any loss he suf-

fered on subsequent disposal.

The company convened a dis-

ciplinary committee, claiming

Mr Pykett had put personal in-

teresi above those of the com-

pany and sacked him for

misconduct, In March this year

the company sent a letter to

shareholders convening a meet-

ing to seek his removal. Mr Pykett resigned just hours be-

fore the meeting. Cowie's shares closed 6p higher at

353.5p last night.

Mr Pykett replied that he

Cowie pays former

director £100,000



Marlene Dietrich in The Blue Angel, made in 1930, one of the classics Carlton has acquired

### IN BRIEF

#### Mathew Clark bosses toast 51% pay rise

Mathew Clark awarded its directors a 51 per cent pay rise in the same year that the shares plunged by over 60 per cent, according to the troubled cider maker's annual report published yesterday. Peter Aikens, chief executive, enjoyed a rise in his package of 63 per cent last year, with his salary, benefits in kind and pension contributions reaching £327,000. The basic pay and pension contributions of Etheridge, finance director, and business development director Peter Huntley also soared. Andrew Nash was paid over £170,000 compensation for losing his title as managing director of branded drinks. A spokesman said the directors had been underpaid relative to similar companies until last year. The company has since been hit by competition from alcopops.

#### US stokes European acquisitions boom

American firms were the most active buyers of European companies in the first half of this year as the mergers and acquisitions boom in the area continues, according to Acquisitions Morthly.

German companies were prolific sellers of businesses while the Netherlands continues to attract buyers, the survey found. During the first six months of 1997, 1,051 cross-border acquisition of companies based in the EU were recorded worth £28.8bn, compared with 982 deals totalling £27bn during the first half of 1996.

#### WH Smith shareholders approve buy-back

Shareholders in WH Smith yesterday approved the company's plan to buy back up to 28.5 million of its ordinary shares, about 10 per cent of its issued share capital. The company said last month the earliest date it would make share purchases would be after its results statement scheduled for 27 August. WH Smith is still seeking a new chief executive to replace Bill Cockburn but could announce an appointment as early as next month.

#### Independent subsidiary boosts profits

Australian Provincial Newspapers, the Australian subsidiary of Independent Newspapers, which owns 46 per cent of the publisher of The Independent, announced a 16 per cent rise in underlying post-tax profits to A\$12.6m (£5.8m) for the six months to June thanks to a rise in earnings from its Australian Radio Network subsidiary. It said the group had performed well despite dif-ficult trading conditions and was well positioned to continue to

#### Barclays spends £14m buying Barclays

Barclays has spent £13.8m buying back 1 million of its ordinary shares. The bank said at its interim results earlier this month that it planned to spend £700m on share buy-backs, and has now spent more than £300m. The shares rose 11p to 1393.5p.

### Hamlet in administration with £40m debt

Clothing supplier and retailer Hamlet Group went into administration yesterday with debts of £40m. Chris Hughes and Chris Barlow of Coopers & Lybrand and Keith Goodman of Leonard Curtis were appointed joint administrators.

#### Buoyant Illion bucks strong pound

Illion, the computer network company formerly called Persona, announced a 28 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £4.03m on turnover up 36 per cent to £88.4m despite the strength of sterling, thanks to expansion into continental Europe and its £4.1m acquisition of Microware International Marketing, a German soft-

#### Bayers improves to DM1.7bn

Bayer, the German pharmaceuticals giant, announced strong growth in first-half figures yesterday with group profit rising by 13 per cent to DM1.7bn (£580m), and cashflow by 18 per cent to DM3.2bn on sales of DM 2.6bn.

### Carlton buys movie classics for digital

#### **Cathy Newman**

Subscribers to digital terrestri-al television will be able to watch classic films by Mariene Dietrich, Buster Keaton and Harold Lloyd after Carlton Communications purchased the rights to a film library containing 600 early cinema classics.

The television company has beefed up its film library ahead of next year's launch of 15 digital terrestrial channels, by acquiring the Rohauer Film Collection. Carlton and Granada Group jointly own British Digital Broadcasting (BDB), which was awarded the licence to run digital terrestrial at the end of June. The Rohauer library gives

Carlton access to vintage films such as The Thief of Baghdad, The Phantom of the Opera and lene Dietrich.

lay claim to being the second busters.

biggest exporter of TV programmes and films, behind the

Michael Green, chairman of Carlton, said digital television was one of the new opportunities for screening classic films. Carlton Films is one of the 15 channels on offer from BDB.

A spokesman for Carlton said yesterday: "As the number of channels grows worldwide, the demand increases. There will always be demand for the vintage classics of cinema, and Carlton is now the market leader in British vintage films."

Carlton indicated that, because of the age of most of the films, the rights had been secured for only a few million

The deal comes four months after Carlton paid £65m for Rank Film Distributors, The Blue Angel, starring Mar- Britain's largest independent film library, containing 750 Carlton's programme distri-films, including the Carry On bution company, CTE, can now movies and modern block-

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### There are still some winners in IT

Tere's a simple question. Should investors be buying nuclear technology stocks at the moment? A quick glance at the share price performance and ratings of many computer service companies suggests not.

Most are on sky-high valuations, driven by growing demand for computer re-programmers to solve the millennium problem and prepare for mone-tary union and a general explosion in the use of IT. Shares in Parity, which reported interim results vesterday, ve outperformed the All-Share by 230 per cent over the last three years. The shares up another 39.5p to 531.5p vesterday after the company reported a 32 per cent rise in profits for the six months to June, stand on a heady 26 times forward earnings, according to forecasts from Tim Steer at Merrill

So after such a good run, should investors be taking profits in the computer services and IT sector? The answer is no, not if you choose your company carefully. That is part of the problem. Computer service companies are a staggeringly diverse lot. They include software and hardware providers, like Micro Focus. IT outsourcers like Sema. FI and Logica, IT staff agencies like Delphi. Parity and CRT and trainers and consultants like Admiral, Log-

ica and Parity. As a general guide, those IT companies most likely to reward investors are those involved in people-related computer services - IT agencies, trainers and outsourcers - rather than software or hardware providers. The Holway Report, the IT watchers' bible, forecasts that the market for IT training will grow by an average 19 per cent. a year to 2000 against a 4 per cent decline in the software providers market.

Some IT stocks will face pressure. Staff turnover at an average 25 per cent and wage inflation at 20 per cent for the most skilled IT staff will undoubtedly squeeze margins. The shortage of IT staff is also a critical issue. Those companies like Parity which have access to large pools of contract staff are likely to fare better than companies like Logica, with a large fixed staff base. Margins will also suffer as customers start demanding lower contract prices in return for longer, more secure contracts and higher volumes. The winners will be companies like Parity which swap to small customers, which lack their own IT support and are therefore prepared to pay for help.

However the doomsters who predict that there will be a sharp tail-off of work after the year 2000 are undoubtedly wrong. Richard Holway reckons the outsourcing of Internet and Intranet services - where IT companies write and manage web pages for their customers - has barely begun. Other

### THE INVESTMENT COLUMN trading is better it is clear that the discount market is not a happy place to

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Parity: At a glance

Market value: £228m, share price 533p (+41p)

1994

4.18

7.19

1.73

1995

128

6.54

10.34

2.50

1996

162

10.1

15.81

4.00

Parity's share price

growth areas are communication, data warehouses and legacy systems. Rather than be put off by high valuations, investors should look for IT companies - like Sema, Parity, FI and Misys - best placed to keep growing.

#### Brown & Jackson buys opposition

Brown & Jackson, the discount re-tailer which was on the brink of collapse three years ago, appears to be moving towards a more aggressive phase that might, just might, offer some hope to its weary share-

Now controlled by the South African Pepkor Group, the Poundstretcher retailer, which could hardly afford one of a pack of its own loo rolls a couple of years back, is actually making an acquisition

It is paying Pepkor £7.65m for the Your More Store chain of 127 discount stores. These have been competing with B&J's Poundstretchers and were built up by Johan Visser, who was appointed chief executive of Brown & Jackson in

Trading record

Pre-tax profits (£m)

Earnings per share (p)

Dividends per share (p)

Historic P/E Out performance rating against FTSE Ali Share index over last 3 years

+147

+88\*

+64

+177

+14\*

+87

+230

+124

IT wonder stocks

31

51

29

Turnover (£m)

The deal will be funded by the issue of more shares at an expected price of 16.5p, compared to yesterday's close of 17p. up 0.5p.

Though Your More Stores is also a discounter, there are several differences. First, it actually makes money £750,000 last year on sales of £34.7m. Second, its stores are smaller and do not offer product lines such as toileuries and confectionery which are available in Poundstretcher.

The reasons for the deal are to inject profits into Poundstretcher, to cuable in-filling in smaller towns and to achieve better synergies in areas such as buying. Some costs may be stripped out though Mr Visser says the rationale for the deal is buying power more than cost-cutting.

vious competitor is a logical way of making headway in a cut-throat and mature market and Brown & Jackson certainly needs a boost. Yesterday's figures showed reduced losses of £2.7m in the year to June

Certainly, taking over your most ob-

though it did turn in an operating profit of £0.5m compared to the previous year's £3.1m loss.

More worrying is the sales line, where like-for-like sales were only 1 per cent ahead last year. Though current

1995

76

4.3

6.75

1.4

1996

8.90

he at the moment.

On the positive side, Pepkor has made widespread management changes, with five directors leaving the board in the past year. On forecasts of film profit this year, after several years of losses, Brown & Jackson's shares trade on a forward rating of 21. As ever, one for the brave.

#### Stoves' springtime drop 'just a blip'

toves, the specialist kitchen stove makers, yesterday confirmed a springtime drop in sales which they blamed on consumer nerves ahead of the general election.

Sales in the fourth quarter of the year to the end of May were little higher than at the same time in 1996 after running 30 per cent ahead in the first three quarters.

But the company still increased turnover for the full year by 27 per cent to £80m, while pre-tax profits rose 21 per cent to £5.2m, bang in line with forecasts from Dresdner Kleinwort

Benson, the house broker. The tax charge rose from 18 per cent to 32 per cent as previous tax losses were finally used up, cutting earnings per share to 13.9p, but this too was anticipated.

It was the eighth successive year of growth and the spring downturn is now confirmed as a blip.

Sales of cookers traditionally rise when the housing market is strong, and the company has little exposure to the effects of a strong pound.

New products in the pipeline include a rotary gas burner that will combine the moistness of gas cooking with the even heat of a fan-assisted oven, while sales to export markets in Germany and the Netherlands are beginning to build up.

A new distributor has just been

signed to handle the 20 per cent of deliveries which go direct to purchasers' homes.

That should help control distribution costs, which rose 54 per cent to £7.3m last year.

The current year's capital spending should be no higher than the past year's £4.4m, and analysts are hopeful that profits will resume their upward march to £7.2m, equal to 19p a

But the shares, which peaked at 330p in February, still reflect the springtime setback.

They gained just 1p to 268.5p yesterday, only 14 times forecast earnings. That looks like a buying opportunity.

### Sir Teddy turns to the bottle at holiday time

"Empty pockets every night into a large bottle. The result can be put towards a family holiday." advises Tory stal-wart Sir Teddy Taylor. This is just one favourite money-saving tip revealed by a clutch of top MPs to Virgin Direct, in what Richard Branson's company tastefully describes as its "Questions of Cash" survey.

Alan Clarke of "Diaries" fame recommends "never writing a cheque" while fellow Tory Michael Mates sug-gests "hiding the wife's credit

The Labour suggestions are a lot more politically correct but most of them are by MPs I've never heard of. Nicholas Palmer, member for Broxlowe, suggests "avoiding politics", Steve Pound (Ealing North) urges you to cut down on "beer and fags" while Lindsay Hoyle (Chorley) simply says: "Deep pockets, short

As for the Lib Dems, Andrew Sanders (Torbay) declares: "Don't buy shaving foam, use soap instead."

Virgin claims the results of the poll of 51 MPs show clearly that they prefer direct distribution of financial products: 41 per cent of those polled opted to buy direct from the company. Our political leaders seem to be a pretty well covered lot; over two-thirds have a personal pension, 47 per cent hold a PEP and 37 per cent invest in

Last but not least, 73 per cent of the MPs polled admitted they were still learning about money management. What this says about the future prosperity of this country I'm not sure.

It must be fun being a risk manager for a large company. Every other October you get the chance to attend the Monte Carlo Risk Management Forum, three days of lectures and lunches. This year insurance brokers Sedgwick are making the occasion even more agreeable by spon-soring the City of London Sinfonia (CLS).

On Tuesday 7 October the Orchestra will play for the first time in the principality with a concert including pieces by Tchaikovsky, CamPEOPLE & BUSINESS



Sir Teddy Taylor: One of the MPs featured in Virgin survey

pra and Vivaldi. Which is all fine and dandy, but when I think of Monte Carlo I think of casinos. Do any of their delegates ever get the urge to test their risk management theories at the gaming tables? Tony Richards of Sedgwick laughs: "It's been known. The only disincentive is the amount of money you need, I think." Not that Mr Richards has ever been tempted: "I'm risk-averse myself."

Is this another Martin Taylor in the making? Mr Taylor, now chief executive of Barclays Bank, started his career writing for the Lex column on the Financial Times before being whisked away by Christopher Hogg to help run

Courtaukis. Now John Kingman, a writer for Lex and a former private secretary to Stephen Dorrell at the Treasury, is being whisked off to work for John Browne, chief executive

Mr Kingman will work with Nick Butler, BP's group policy adviser, advising on BP's strategy. When I say "whisked", he's got to serve out his three months' notice. of course. Seeing that Mr Taylor wound up at Barclays, perhaps Mr Kingman will succeed Derek Wanless at NatWest ~ who knows?

It looks as if the search to replace Ray Snoddy as the FI's media guru has ended the Pink'un's banking expert John Gapper is firm favourite for the job, although he modestly insists that "nothing has been decided vet." Mr Gapper will write on international stories while a yet-to be appointed reporter

will help out on UK stories. Also, Simon Davies from Lex is going to be the FT's international capital markets editor from 22 September. You know it's the holiday season when the Global Markets Economics team at Bankers

Trust can devote two-and-ahalf pages of its European newsletter to a learned article by Flaneur de Boulevardier: Red wine: A blue chip investment?" The newsletter usually

comments on the latest monetary signals form the Bundesbank and the like. I don't recognise Mr Flaneur's name either. He obviously knows his stuff, however. Did you know that "in the last fourand-a-half years the BT firstgrowth claret index has risen by nearly 350 per cent, compared to a 64 per cent gain for the Footsie."

The author analyses why top French wine prices have shot through the roof in the last five years, so that now you can pay a £100 deposit for a bottle of something that hasn't even been bottled vet. The chief culprit is the juxtaposition of relatively fixed quality wine production and an increase in demand from a richer and more knowledgeable public.

John Willcock

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### **EMI** to build Arabian music repertoire

Cathy Newman

EMI, the music giant whose artists include the Spice Girls and the Beatles, is to expand into Egypt as part of plans to increase its presence in the Arab countries.

The company has appointed an agent in Egypt to distribute EMI's international recordings and develop its Arabic repertoire. If all goes according to plan, EMI expects to set up an office in the country.

A spokeswoman for EMI said yesterday: "You have to start somewhere and this is where we start. It's part of our commitment to growing the Arab region." However, she said the move

was at this stage "exploratory" as music piracy in Egypt, where albums are illegally copied,

Watmoughs.

chief quits

after dive

Clifford German

could present a problem for the group. "The market really does need stronger copyright and piracy legislation," she said. According to the most recent figures from the International

Federation of the Phonographic

Industry (IFPI), 25 per cent of all albums sold in Egypt in 1995 were pirated. However, EMI sees a potential for growth in Egypt, which is the fourth-largest music market in the Arab countries. EMI already has operations in the United Arab Emirates,

Abu Dhabi. The Middle East and Turkish region represented only 1 per cent of world music sales last

Saudi Arabia, the Lebanon and

EMI has recently looked at expanding into developing mar-kets such as Asia and Latin America. EMI and its rival, PolyGram, are keen to develop their local repertoires in these areas, as the fragmentation of the global music market makes it more difficult to export international artists across the world. PolyGram recently expressed an interest in moving

into Vietnam. EMI said yesterday that local stars were also in vogue for cultural reasons.

"As countries develop and become more affluent, they buy artists who sing about their own culture," the spokeswoman

year, but grew 15 per cent during the period, IFPI figures showed. Sales of CDs in the area increased by 29 per cent in 1996.

"Local repertoire is things are going as increased by 29 per cent in 1996. "Local repertoire is the way things are going as indigenous music is more identifiable to in-

### **Restaurant boss**

themed restaurants group, is to sell its music and theatre interests, which include the Brixton Academy and the Shepherd's Bush Empire. Ian Howard, chief executive and one of the founders of the business, has expressed an interest in buying the music and

with a redundancy package worth an estimated £200,000, representing a year's salary. Patrick Walker, Watmoughs' 65-year-old chairman, will return as chief executive, having

reigns to Mr Salter after grooming him for the job since 1994. He intends to stay as chief executive for another two years, but will hand on the chairmanship to Sir Derck Birkin in November, two months ahead of

only recently handed over the

The board blames the strong pound, erratic paper prices and price-cutting by continental competitors for the setback. The shares, which fell from 450p in February to just 178p last month, rebounded 4.5p to

### resigns for buyout

Break for the Border, the

Declan Salter, chief executive of Watmoughs, the printing group, yesterday resigned after less than eight months in the job. He has paid the price for the halving in Wutmoughs' share price since his appointment, after the group posted disappointing re-sults for 1996 and two profit theatre divisions. He has resigned as chief exwarnings this summer. He leaves

ecutive to put together a bid, al-though he will remain a non-executive director. Break for the Border will now

focus on expanding its bars and restaurants. One of its themed restaurants will open shortly in Leeds and further division.

openings are planned within the year. The company said the division being sold was not as profitable as its bars and restaurants business. Mr Howard has a back-

ground in the music business, and founded the company's Borderline clubs, which play live music at venues in Charing Cross and Oxford Circus. He has been replaced by Roger Beaumont, group operations director. A new non-executive director will be

appointed shortly. For the year to the end of March, bars and restaurants reported turnover of £14.27m, compared to turnover of £6.88m in the music and theatre

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### Kenwood remains in Pifco's 4 sights

Pifco, the Carmen hair-rollers to Russell Hobbs kettle group. said yesterday that it was still considering launching a hostile bid for Kenwood, the larger electrical goods group, after its friendly advances were re-buffed earlier this year.

Pifco, said yesterday: "We haven't ruled out anything. We still believe in the industrial logic of merging with Kenwood. We 🏇 haven't said whether we would go hostile or not."
Pifco reported a 23 per cent rise pre-tax profits to £3.8m for

Michael Webber, chairman of

the year to April. Mr Webber said the company, which has £7.5m net cash and no gearing. had "substantial" bank borrowing facilities to fund an acquisition and would consider issuing paper.

He added that Pifco, which has been under pressure to make an acquisition and has

been stalking Kenwood for two years, was also considering three other potential targets including a large appliance maker on the Continent. Mr Webber confirmed analysts' views that Pifco was wait-

ing for the next profit warning from Kenwood before making "It's all very well to feel exasperated and frustrated, but life is about patience and tim-ing. We are biding our time," said Mr Webber. "You must re-

member that our original offer was never put to Kenwood's shareholders," Kenwood's shares have slumped from 400p three years ago to 115p, though renewed bid hopes yesterday sent them 11.5p higher, valuing the company at £53m against Pifco's current market capitalisation of £35m. Pressure from dissident shareholders led to the departure of Tim Beech as Kenwood's chief executive in

Pifco's results were themselves upbeat. A strong performance from the group's Russell Hobbs Millennium kettle range. which boils water faster than any other kettle and does not fur up. drove the profits increase.



### Oil strikes fuel excitement for BP and BG shares

There is nothing like old-fash-ioned oil strikes to fuel stock market excitement. Shares of BG, the old British Gas, have enjoyed a powerful run on finds, real and rumoured, and yesterday it was the turn of British Petroleum, up 21.5p to 859p, to hit the high road on

a discovery off Angola. BP, suing pressure group Greenpeace for £1.4m, is part of a consortium headed by Elf Aquitaine. According to the French group, the well has tested a cumulative flow rate of

16,000 barrels a day. BG, 1.5p higher at 254p, was riding at a peak until last week's slump. The market had been excited by oil and gas finds off Trinidad, in the North

Sea and off-shore Egypt. The once-ailing gas group is rumoured to have struck it rich in Indonesia but drilling there continues and any development before the middle of next month is unlikely.

The group, clearly enjoying its status as an increasingly influential oil and gas explorer, kept up the momentum by disclosing Texaco had taken a 20 per cent interest in its po-tentially rich Kazakhstan field which it runs with ENL the Ital-

ian energy giant. Nat West Securities believes BG is still a buy, despite its strong display in the past few months. It upgraded its asset valuation from 240p to 280p. Interim figures, the first since the Centrica demerger, are due next month. A share buyback and sale of under-

performing assets may be on the agenda, says NatWest which also repeated its buy advice on Shell, up 14p at 430.5p. The rest of the market staged an impressive rally. Footsie opened in determined style with a 43.3-point jump and went on to close with a 79.2

gain to 4,914.2. Financials and drugs, two



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Hambros, the under-pres-sure merchant bank, rose 10p

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Drugs rose on the back of

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Barclays, up 11p to 1,393.5p.

stock market reporter of the year

some of the specialist Far Eastsectors behind this year's Footsie push, led the comeback. HSBC, the banking giant, ig-nored the Hong Kong share re-treat as Dresdner Kleinwort Benson gave a 79.5p push to 2,176.5p by emphasising its 2,600p target. There was talk HSBC, known to be seeking acquisitions and consequently linked with an array of available banks, had set its sights on

Other financials to move ahead included Standard Chartered, another with Hong Kong exposure, up 47.5p to

Commerzbank, the German

The Hong Kong nerves come 3op higher to 1.2315p were, however, reflected in and Zeneca 52p to 1,942p.

British Aerospace ignored an SBC Warburg buy (1,700p target), softening 3p to 1,446p. Warburg had better luck with warburg had better lites where engineer FKI, up 2p to 197p; it suggested a 230p price.

Allied Domecq frothed 11p to 479.5p on an ABN Amro

Hoare Govert forecast of a 10 per cent upside and expecta-tions other investment houses will adopt a more positive WH Smith, the newsagent, hardened 16.5p to 375.5p on a

Cazenove push and talk of corporate action with specula-tion stretching from a break-up to a Tesco bid. Laura Ashley looked more

threadbare, off lp to 55.5p following its latest setback. MFL the furniture chain.

firmed 4p to 159p with Hoare saying the shares were under-

Southern Electric, the only electricity distributor to avoid a bid, improved 5p to 454p on

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PDFM lifted its stake to 20.6 per cent, held at 62p. Nikko, the investment house, has a sell sign over the shares.
It believes the struggling

retailing group will be lucky to produce a half-year profit and points out there are market worries whether the dividend will be held. Year's profits are expected to be £50m before exception-

als against £140.2m in 1995. Asks the securities house: Who wants to be left holding the rump once Freemans is sold and Selfridges de-

merged?" Kenwood, the kitchen appliance group, recovered most of Monday's fall after rival Pifco let it be known it still hovered and had not given up hopes of bidding.

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The shares rose 11.5p to

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known as Albrighton, has increased its power at Bruntcreased its power at brunt-cliffe Aggregates where it is holding talks but has still to make a bid. Yesterday it picked up, in effect, another 4.28 per cent of Bruntcliffe on a share exchange formula.

Providing a higher bid does
not materialise, the yendors of the shares pledge to accept an offer Ennstone has sig-nalled and may make. The deal lifts Ennstone's stake to 13.66 per cent. Bruntcliffe hardened to 39.5p.

> Stockbroker Redmayne Bentley likes Prudential Corporation. "We see good growth potential and limited downside," it says. The Pru, likely to unlock its £5bn of orphan funds soon, is expected to produce profits of £893m this year and £938m next. Shares rose 8.5p to 602p.

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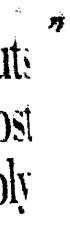
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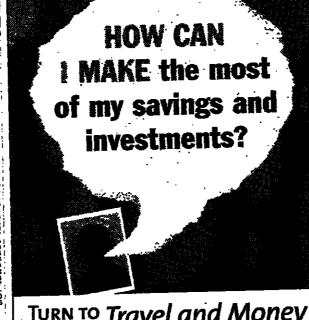
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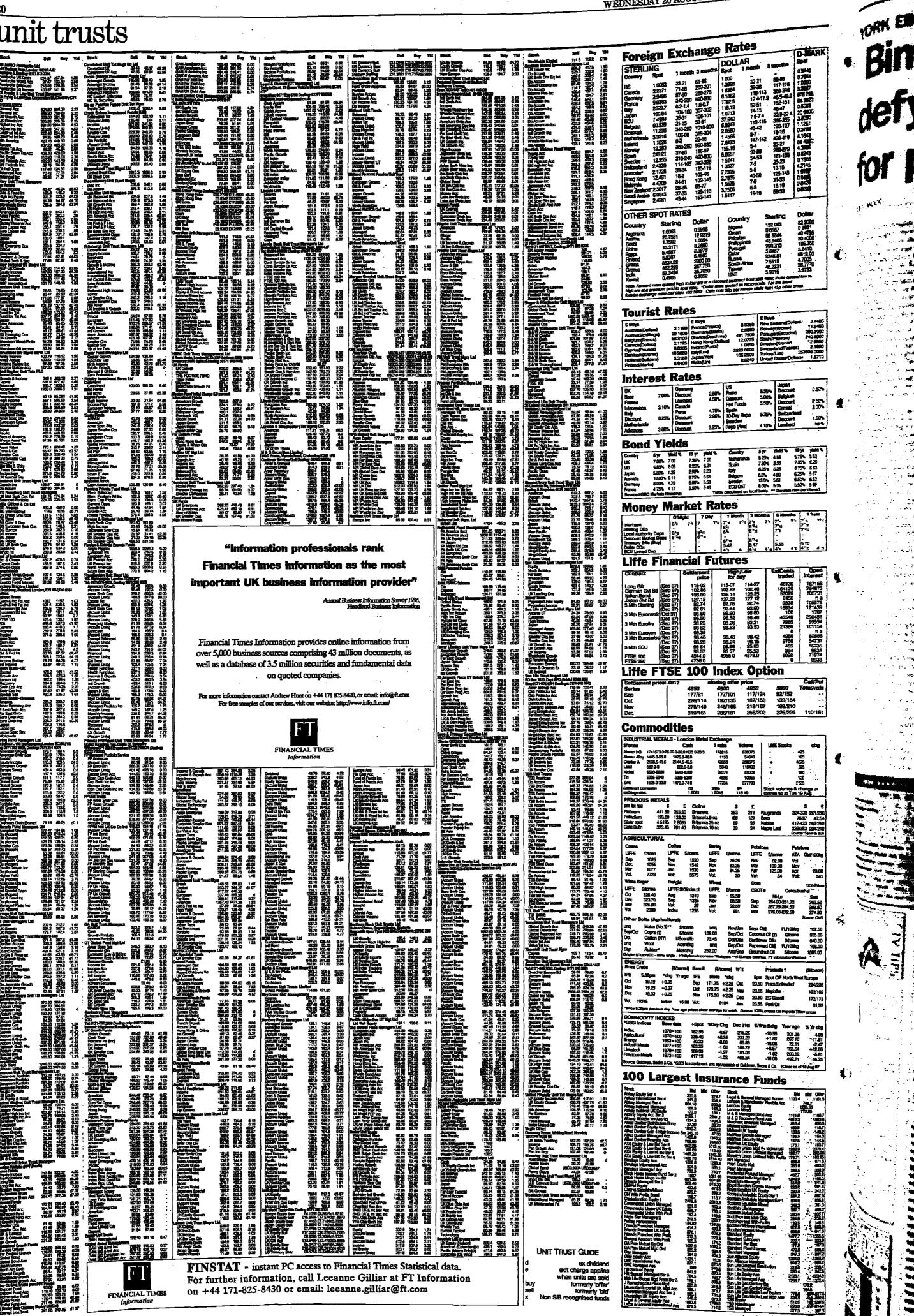
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YORK EBOR MEETING: A front-runner quick from the draw can hold off last year's winning team in the week's big handicap

# Bimsey to defy Purist for punters

There are many delights to take in the big August meeting at York, not the least of them the fact that, while there may be half a dozen past and future Classic winners racing on the Knaves-mire this week, the event which will pack the terraces like no other is a handicap. The snobs may not like it, but at its heart, this is a meeting for the punters.

And punt they will shortly after three o'clock today, in sums large enough to ensure a bleak autumn for the local economy if an outsider leads the field home in the race which gives the entire week its name. Twentytwo runners will go to post for the richest Flat handicap anywhere in Europe, and the winner will earn every penny of the £100,000 first prize.

And if it is a gruelling race for the runners, it is little better for the backers attempting to sort it out. Just one clear favourite has obliged them in the last 14 years, and while Puce is close behind him in the ante-post betting, the unwelcome task of ending that dismal run will probably fall to Media Star this afternoon.

John Gosden's runner could hardly be better named, given that both the trainer and his jockey, Frankie Dettori, are among the most amenable interviewees on the turf. After a similar mishap befalling Dettori's excellent start to the meeting, his supporters will be doubly encouraged to note that the removal of Kutta from the top of the weights should mean that Dettori will not put up any overweight on the favourite.

While the betting fates can give, so can they take away, and any advantage conferred on Media Star by the rising weights is more than cancelled out by his high draw. There are those who do not believe that the draw can influence a 14-furlong but with the exc Sanmartino two years ago, a sin- the best of rides from Michael gle-figure stall has been all but Hills last time. He is not one to a prerequisite for success in the make the same mistake twice. last decade, a trend which is too The runners in the third race

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two names in most bookies' lists, are similarly inconvenienced, a particular irritation in the case

of the former since she would otherwise have been a confident selection to reverse recent Goodwood form with Media Star. The only sensible option, though, is to play the percentages and stick to the low numbers, where the choice lies between Birnsey and Purist.

Purist represents last year's winning combination of Michael Stoute and Fergal Lynch, but comes into the race with just a maiden to his credit, and may lack the necessary experience. BIMSEY (next best 3.10), by contrast, is a familiar figure, particularly to National Hunt enthusiasts, and while he has not reproduced his excellent burdling form on the Flat so far this

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Puce (York 3.10) NB: Bures (Cartmel 5.20)

year, he has not yet been allowed to make the running, as he does so successfully over the sticks. You could wish to have no sharper trainer on your side in

a big handicap than Reg Ake-

hurst, and from his low draw, Bimsey can seize the initiative. Henry Cecil's Ebor meeting did not begin as planned yes terday with Bosra Sham finishing last, but it is difficult to see Reams Of Verse (2.35), the Oaks winner, in the Yorkshire Oaks. Many will anticipate a double for Cecil, who saddles Bold Fact in the Gimerack Stakes, and the July Stakes winner holds every chance if he can run in a straight line from his stands' rail stall. He is not a straightforward ride, though, and Social Charter (3.45), a cosy

winner at Salisbury last week, should be the one to benefit. A better chance of making money comes with Amyas (next hest 2.05), who did not rec pronounced to be coincidence. at Folkestone yesterday had a And it is not just Media Star narrow escape when a car came who must overcome a wide on the track in front of them starting position. Both Puce during the race. A course atand Mohawk River, the next tendant removed some running rail to allow the car to drive

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2.35: MY EMMA, sure to be better for her length third to Surgeon in a Group Two race at Maisons-Laffine, is a good bet on the form she showed to win the Group One Prix Vermeille over 1m 4f at Longchamp last year. Oaks winner Reseas Of Verse, is the danger.

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	2		PRINCE OF MY HEART (11) (C) (G ) Hide) B Hills 4 9 7 L Delton 13 96
	3		WILCOMA (25) (CD) (T 6 Warred P Markin 6 9 5 M J Kinnes 2 to 92
1	4		PRESENT ARMS (25) (b) (H R H Prince Fand Salmen) P Cole 4 9 5 Pag Eddary 7 98
	6		CHAMPAGNE PRINCE (22) (D) Magrum Front P Harris 490
	В		NULLSION (RE) (C) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Strute 3 9 0
-	7	532532	GAME PLDY (POL) (25) (D) (SF) (K R Kyrosson) D Haydn Jones 5.9 0 R Cockram 4 99
1	8		HARRY WOLTON (12) (Old Road Securities Ptg) H Cack 3 B 13
1	9		DAMESH REMPSOOY (22) (0) (Chris Hardy) Lady Harnes 4 8 13Panil Eddary 18 102
	10		NAMI MUZEEN (22) (D) (Shelin Armed Al Malozum) A Stewart 45 13 M Roberts 12 V 102
	11		SUPPLY AND DEMAND (19) (Asjon) G L Moore 3 8 10
1	12	0200004	NUMBA LEPIS (25) (C) (H R H Suban Arcred Steh) P Cole 489O Peoble 88 95
	13	-16040	AUTONS (19) (C) (19) (Max J M Corbest) B Hate 3 8 7
	14		NAJOR CHANGE (17) (D) (Two in One Partnership) Gay Kelleway 5.8.7
ì	15		SANDADOR CHAMBRAY (17) (C D) (Sandaroor Textles) T Easterby 68 7
1	16	-25100	GENERIOUS GET (19) (Makoum Al Makoum) E Dumbp 383
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eight 8st 7b (3yo 7st 13th). Then handlesp weight: Sandrason Chemit 7-1 Harry Wolten, Illusion, 8-1 Augus, 9-1 Champagee Prince, Danish Ricepachy, Genne Ploy, Senghy Jean Demand, 14-1 Kuwin Li 9-1 Generous GRC, Sandrason Chambary, Presquent, 22-1 Major Ik Ajeeb 4 9 0 M Rimmer 20-1 (8 Hambury) digen (1) 15 nan FORM GUIDE

HARRY WOLTON, third to Annus Marabilis at Newmarket (1m 2f) after his fifth to Hewksley Hill at Sandown (1m), is the best bet, itsuation had it to do against insidhe at Doneaster (1m) after his maden win here. Out of Time Cherter, Busion is nailed on to go well for this longer trip. Frankle Destion fides Berry Hills' Prince of My Heard, who had a tought task against Romenow at Haydock last time. The cot can cartainly be considered now he's back in a handicap on his two-length fifth to Destiah Rhapsody at Goodwood with his 5th pull. Najam Mutheen has abdity and as interesting in his first-time visor. A fast-firmishing second to Pasternak in the Magnet Cup here, he looked a lattle unludy at Goodwood-beatten only two and a half lengths in nimth and siso 5th better in with-Donish Rhapsody. Willcates and Kustan Lipis are others numming in the headgear for the first time. Willcum's wants softer ground, but Kusta Lipis could assity be the surprise package with Olivier Pestier booked. The ground could prove a bit lively for Ascut winner Present Airsts, and Gesse Ploy (bleesing third in the Magnet Cup) has a fine chance of revesting the form on 5th better ham. This could be too strong a race for Sandosoor Chambray, white Supply And Demand holds Generous Gift and Assyss on his Goodwood second to Future Perfect.

Selection: HARRY WOLTON

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	2	2.35	ASTON UPTHORPE YORKSHIRE OAKS (Group 1) (CLASS A) £120,000 1m 4f £97,345
	1	5131-3	MY EMBA (31) (D) (Magheus Breeding and Racing) R Guest 4 9 4
1	2		PAPERING (18) (C)   Shelift Molvemmed   Cumeri 4 9 4
	3	4-1331	WHITEWATER AFFAIR (17) (D) (I M Grestiant) M Stoug 4 9 4 J Beld 8 113
	4		ALCALALI (USA) (19) (Leus II Norms) P Kellendy 38 8
	5	-02203	ATTITUTE (FE) (46) (R.A. Piedger) C Britain 3.8 B
	6	1-4133	CROWN OF LIGHT (62) (8F) (Shelith Mohammed) M Strute 3 8 8
	7	11-611	BEAMS OF VERSE (USA) (75) (C) (D) (K Abdullah) H Ceci 3 8 8
	8	11-11	SQUEAK (48) (D) (Gary A Tarcala)   Gosden 3 8 8
ı	İ		- 8 declared -

PERMIS OF VERSE faces a stem that in the order Whitewater Affair, but size has the shirty to deliver once again. She relished the longer top in the Musicions after her Guiness run and then showed her class when overcoming traffic problems to land the Dales. She should handle this faster ground and Crown Of Light is hard to tancy on the Dales from after being threshed by Yeshmaic et Acocc. Sequents is on the ungrade but size cannot best Reams for Verse on a like through Attitue, make befind the Cacil Tily at Epoom but bestem only a length and a half by Squeak in the Lancestire Dales at Heydock. Preparing a second in this less year brought to a fast Luce Cumen's great record in the race, and Writewater Affair's the main threst effort the tests Debudle win and her fine effort against Productor of Acot?

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,	TOTE EBOR HANDICAP (CLASS E) £10 1m 6f Penalty Value £100,091	
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FORM QUIDE
Mohawik River has every chance provided he stay tooth wins at ten furtoriga) after a cracking win on his reappearance at Newmarket 13e days ago. However, his younger stablemane PURST has a great draw in stall four and must be the choice. Michael Stouze was over the moon with the progress made by Punst when the colt made all to best Liffer at Yammouth tend ground). Punst's since Pure Grain won the Yorkshise Oaks two years ago so Punst can be considered a certain stayer. Liffer won a handicap at Goodwood afterwards and the progress he Purst must take the beating in the heads of Fagal Lynch, who won this for Stoute last year on Clerkerwell. Incidentally, Cledenwell came from the Queen's Vane to collect and Gordi west the winner of that race. Demot Weld's charge is running into form at the right time (won at Lopardesown last morth) and rates the pack of the top weights. Media Star and Puse cross awords again after Goodwood (1m 6). With his two-mide stamma, who got going too late from the rear. Puce, who beat Step Aloft in fine style here last backend, gets a 7th pull with Media Star-and that becomes 10th with Royston Piranch's claim-so the filly is in with a great chance despite the poor draw (next to Mohawik River). Media Star-infi time, well drawn (15) himself, but he hearn't stopped improving yer. Reg Aleshusst runs both Billinsey and Willer Competer. Willer Conquer is preferred on his rack-solid area if Roys at Ascot (third to Zemiassia) and here (second to Benatom over this tip). Top Case ideally wents out. December 18 you will not the least top, and here (second to Benatom over this tip) at puppes gailing For Alband, who returned to his best when second, conceding lumps of weight, to Vallage-lone over this tip at Haydock, is preferred. There is also a chance their stablemate Tolemer or Beny Hills, is employed again for the year on Prainte Felson.

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BOLD FACT has the plum draw on the stands side fence. He tried his best to throw away the July Stakes by swering bedly to the right after succeeding in his task in the Coverthy at Royal Ascot where he had the prize wrapped up. Bold Fact can dely his 3th penalty with the form of his rivels taking a few knocks. Social Charter duly won his maiden at Selisbury a week ago, but his debut form at Ascot doesn't look that good now with La-Fash and Musaweig esting well turned over her sestenday. Antiant won costly when a red-hot bacounte at Newbury, but the form took a job when the second, Sebbaan, was hammared at Goodwood afterwards. Yorkshiram William Haggas will be in happy man if his Headinanter wins. The Last Tycoon colt certainly won in fine style on his debut at Yarmouth, though the worth of the form is suspect with the highly touted third Royal Rights gating besten 12 lengths in a Goodwood maiden next time. As tough as he is Lord Kintyne may not cope with Bold Fact, and Eastern Pumple also looks stretched after winning an average-looking rate at Newcaste, but early-season Windsor debut winner Carnowkael is a likely improver for his bourth to Mijana on the same course last veek.

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TITANIC cannot be opposed after his smooth wins at Doncaster and Yarmouth. He toyed with the-times winner Prince Foley at Yarmouth, and the Doncaster second Perfect Peach pinged from at Thissk next time. Molecomb trad Chiefzlain was a big flop at Lingfield afterwards, and it is hard to be sure about the worth of Islamschad's wins at Both and Chester. Yarmouth nursery winner Mountabels has more to do here, but Bay Prince looked very sharp on his second start with a clear-out win at Pontefract on Sunday.

Selection: TITANIC U MOUTH HANDICAP (CLASS C) £15,000 added

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10-1 Polish Warrior, 12-1 Yan, Star, Shakstaykoty, Pizzicato, 1 Denoethenightaway, Top Of The Form, Amytord Throat, Satisfate 1998: Blue ins 9 7 P Roberson 11-1 (M Jarvey down (7) 20 ran

Registed Tarust could set them all a task in his first-time blinkers, and Bahamian Beauty bolis nicely weighted with Olivier Pestier bolied after a confidence booster on the bridle at Newcastle. The number one stall makes life tough for Prince Dome, who is back againsh his our age after a fine fifth to Blessangindaguise at Ascort with Moon Strike (that) being the subsequent wanner from the roce. An Ascort wither in June, Prince Dome can, nowever, confirm the form with Polish Warrier (fourth) on 48b worse terms. The main face, though on the prince and back to form when the think the prince for the prince of the to the many war related warrant (count) on worst cere, the man act, is made, is valx STAR, who beat Compton Place at Sandown last term and back to form when fourth to Lago Di Varano at Newcastle before being badly drawn at Repon. Many Magdaleon last twice ran web against Always On My Mind, and this return to five furiongs could be in her favour, while Distinctive Drawn is another here back against his own aga after swewing away a winning chance against Mr Bergerac at Newmarket.

Selection: VAX STAR

### 2.20 Get The Point 2.55 Stock HID Dancer 3.30 Oriel Girl 4.00 II Principe 4.30 Appyabo 5.00

GOING: Good to Firm (Firm in places).

STALLS: Straight course - for side; round course - inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 5f; High from 7f to Imal. DIAM ADVANTAGES: Low for 51; High from 71 to 1104.

Right-hand oval course with tight turns. Fast 15 course.

Course is 5m E of Edinburgh on Al. Bus link from Edinburgh station 5m. ADMISSION: Club 512; Tauersalls 56 (OAPs and unemployed 53). Accompanied under-16s free. CAR PARE: Free.

LEADING TRAINERS WITH HUNNERS J Berry 38 winners from 176 runners gives a success ratio of 21.5%; M Johnston 9 from 123 (15.4%); Mas bi Reveley 14 from 87 (16.1%). ■ LEADING JOCKETS: K Darley 41 wins from 193 tides gives a success ratio of 21.2%; J Weaver 29 from 125 (21.5%); K Fallon 19 from 121 (16.7%), J Fortune 18 from 160 (12%).

PAVOURTES: 167 wins in 389 races (42.8%).
BLINKERED PIRST TIME: None.
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Il Principe (4.00) won at Hamilton on Wednesday.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Stock Hill Dancer (2.55) has been som 373 miles by B Meetun Itom Upper Lambourn, Berks; Appyaho (4.30) sent 373 miles by M Chaman from Upper Lambourn, Berks; Saint Albert (4.30) sent 373 miles by P Walvyn from Lambourn, Berks. 2.20 ABERLADY RAITING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS F) £4,000 added 1m 

- 7 declared -BETTING: 5-4 No Distinct, 9-4 Get The Point, 3-1 Sums Island, 18-1 Promi-

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BETTING: 7-4 Stock Re Denote, 5-2 Tithear, 6-1 Doon Filips, 8-1 Melhourse Princess, Roady Teddy, 14-1 Whisper Low, 15-1 Fir's Choice

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GOING: Cood (Good to Firm in places, watering).

STALLS: Inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Right-hand, undulning course, with a straight mile.

Tourse is 2m St of ety off A6. Lelecster station (London, St. Pmerse - Sheffled line) 2m. ADMISSON: One enclosure 29 (CAPs 55). Free racecards. CAR PAEK: Free. Silver Ring Car Park - 512 admins car and four occupants.

ILLEADING TRAINERS: R Bammon 31 from 183 (16.9%); J Dunloy 25-131 (19.1%); H Geell 20 from 75 (24.7%); M Saonte 17 from 64 (26.6%).

ILLEADING CHESTS Fet Eddery 42 from 171 (24.8%), L Detord 35 from 170 (20.6%), J Wesseer 18 from 35 (21.2%), T Quiam 17 from 154 (11%).

Favourities: 160 wins from 525 races (30.4%).

BLINERSED FREST TIME: Prainfie Ministrel (8.10).

WINNERSE IN TIME LAST SEVEN DATE: None.

LONG-DISTANCE EUNINERS: Somgabeet (6.40) sent 166 miles by M Saunders from Highon, Somerse.

5.40 TOM CREB LIMITED STAKES (CLASS F)

6.10 MOLYNEUX SELLING STAKES (CLASS 6)

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6.40 RADIO LEICESTER HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,100 added 5f

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8.10 RUTLAND HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,100 added 3YO 1m

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VINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

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es, 9-2 Saddiers' Roe, 7-1 Di Mattec, 8-1 Marties Pri Sina, 10-1 Memorial, Tom, Tattinger, 14-1 others

6.30 EEF RISH POST MADEN STAKES (LASS D) £4,550 added 210 71

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BNFL ENGINEERING NOVICE CHASE
(CLASS E) £3,000 added 3m 2f **5.20 Hamadryad 5.50 Andrelot 6.20 Bayerd 6.50** Bourdonner 720 Fermick's Brother 750 Movie Man Electhand, level course. Run-in, which is on a separate chase, is 800yd and the longest in the country.

Course is 15m from Kendal on B5271. Buses from Grange-over-Sands station 2m. ADMISSIONE Paddick 510 (OAPS 55, under-) dis free); Course 54 (OAPS 52). CAR PARE: Paddick 55, course free. BLEADING TRAINERS: G Richards 7 from 27 (25.9%), G M. Moorre 6 from 12 (50%); Mrs M Reveiley 6 from 14 (42.9%); D Miosint 5 from 23 (21.7%).

LEADING JOCKEYS P Niven 10 from 25 (40%), A Dobbin 10 from 28 (35.7%), Richard Guest 6 from 16 (50%), R Johnson 6 from 11 (54.5%).

Parvouries: 29 was in 66 races (43.9%). 4 46650 WHITE DEMINORD (115) Mass I, Preset 9 to 12.... 0 Raid (7)

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ESTINE: 4-9 Bayerd, 4-1 White Diamond, 7-1 Greenfacts, 10-1 Palling-6.50 OXLEY DEVELOPMENTS HANDICAP HUR-DLE (CLASS D) £3,000 added 2m 6f 3311-P COLORPUL AMERICAN (75) (D) (BF) Mrs A Sambark 7 12 0... 521-22 BOURDONNER (SS) (8F) M Hammond 5 11 8 M Horrodas (7) 115-63 CHEF MOUSE (F11) F Jordan 4 11 6 A P McCoy F21-30 MANIE OF OUR FRIBER (SS) P Boven 4 11 3 R Johnson - 4 declared -BETTHIC: 5-4 Boundamer, 15-8 Colourful Ambition, 4-1 Chief House, 13-2 Inghant Star (6.20) sent 388 en, West, Sussex. 7.20 GEC MARINE NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 1f 110yds IG HURDLE (CLASS F) mond 9 10 7 JHr J Balletish (7) Inter 5 10 7 \_ Mine P Robson (5) Minimum weight, 10st, Time hardings weights: Caddy's First 9s. 12b, Wild Brook 9st 12lb, Mouley Force 9st 8b. BETTHING: Brees Mone-Ho-Ho, 3-1 Caddy's First, 4-1 Fermich's Brother, 6-1 Mouley Force, 15 Wild Brook 7.50 VITAGRASS FARMS MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 3m 2f HANDICAP CHASE edded 2m 5f 110yds CD) G Romants 8 12 O.A Dobble rap 7 11 5 ..... S McDougal Man 5-2 Served Contract

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Mantles Star 7.30 King Kato 8.00 Stand Tell	10 RODA, GROUND M. Cremon 9 0
GOING: Good (Good to Soft to places, penetrometer reading 5.8).	11 3 SECRET ARCHIVE (19) R Harmon 9 0
STALLS: Straight - far side; rest - inside.	12 SENSORY B Hils 9 0 J D Smith (2) 6 13 6 TAVERHER SOCIETY (15) R Armstrong 9 0 Price 7
DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 51 and 61.	13 6 TANSINER SOCIETY (195) R Amistrong 9 0 R Price 7 14 0 ZMCZE (277) M Hayres 9 0 5 Whitevarts 9 15 marr x profess 4 March 8 9 F Northe 15 16 0 LA LYONESSE (20) 1 His 8 9 M Adams 12
Right-hand course. Separate straight course for 51 and 61 races.	15 DIDY KNORT M Mende 8 9 F Nortee 15
Practically fet.	16 0 (A L'ONESSE (20) ) HES 89
Course is on A308 at Surbury. Kempton Park railway station adjoins course. ADMISSION: Club & Tattersalls £16 (16 to 25-	17 MSS DELETANTE R Johnson Houghton 8 9 A McGlong 1A
year-olds 58); Silver Ring 55. Accompanied children under-16 free.	_ 17 declared _
CAR PARK: Members 52; remeinder, free.	RETTING: 5-2 Secret Archive, 6-1 Carditeens Motarch, 7-1 Seasory, Hore-
LEADING TRAINERS; R Harmon 37 from 275 (13.5%); M	BETTING: 5-2 Secret Jechhes, 6-1 Certitoen Monarch, 7-1 Seasory, Hors- astern, 9-1 Gallants, 12-1 Diversor Society, Royal Ground, Campdian Pro- zier, 16-1 Indy Knight, Lu Lyonesse, Miss Differents, 20-1 others
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13 from 102 (12,7%).	GUINNESS STAKES (CLASS C)
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30 from 229 (13.1%), J Reisi 26 from 168 (15.5%), L Dettori 20 from 139 (14.4%).	
Favouritee: 117 wins in 398 races (29.4%)	1 1 ALBOOSTAN (22) (D) D Monley 9 2
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WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.	2 21 MONGRAY (ISSA) (15) (0) P Cole 9 2 J Baid 3 3 1 PRICELESS (13) W Hagges 9 2 F Lynch 7 4 13 THE GLOW-WORM (35) (0) B HBS 9 2 J 0 Smith (2) 2
LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Manage (8.00) sent 120 miles by	5 61,422 WRENN PILOT (19) (C) (8F) R HETRON 92Dane O'Hell 1
P G Murphy from Portbury, Avon.	6 512 MANTES STAR (18) (D) G Leves 8 11
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5.30 CARA APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS E)	-7 declared -
	BETTHR: 7-4 Montany, 5-2 Manifes Star, 7-1 Aboostan, 8-1 Wrelde Pt-
1 401012 INTERDRENA (12) (NF) R Hannon 9 7	ict, 9-1 Priceless, 10-1 Eagle's Cross, 12-1 The Glow-Worm
2 320034 FEST CHANCE (37) D Specify 95 3 Feets (5) 2	7.30 EVENING STANDARD HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,325 added 1m 4f
3 050 STORMY STORY (USA) (16) J Gosten 9 3P Fredericks (3) 7 4 631006 SUMMERFULLE WOOD (12) P Mooney 8 13P Resimple (5) 4	1.30 (CLASS C) £7,325 added 1m 4f
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5 080654 BNUBBERT (USA) (L/A) M Charmon 8 8 A Biddery 1 6 501808 20080 (19) (BF) R Roset 8 4 J Williams 8 7 07-300 CHALIZ (95) K Butte 7 12 Page 5	2 32:314 KBNG KATO (25) (D) (BF) Mrs A Perent 4 9 13
7 02-300 CH4LUZ (95) K Burle 7 12	2 32:314 KBNG KATO (25) (D) (BF) Mrs A Perent 4 9 13
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ro, 12-1 Summerville Wood, 14-1 Brankigsy, 25-1 Chefez	6 31 REMINIA (88) (9) LOTTER 392PM Edday 1
6.00 EBF MEDIAN AUCTION MADEN STAKES	7 163 MYRTUERANK (43) H Cap 13 8 13
(CLASS E) £4,025 added 2YO 6f	9 87122 ISLAND SINCTUNEY (15) (8F) P Maion 3 8 12 .5 Senders 7
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8 5 MANRIES PRICE (1/4) G Leves 9 0	
9 40 MEMORNAL (SIS) R Hannon 9 0C Region 11	8.00 LONDON RISH RFC HANDICAP
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International brigade: (I to r) Philippe Saint-André, of France and Gloucester, Leicester's Fijian Waisale Serevi and the South African Fritz van Heerden; and Matthew Plni, of Richmond and Austral

### Potential net loss from worldwide web

coach last season and he must now be uncomfortably aware that far from evaporating in the heat of the sumhim when the new campaign laces up its boots and trundles through the Heathrow and heading straight for dressing-room door on Saturday.

The most pressing bane of Rowell's life last term was the apparent determination of sundry Rugby Football Union types to insert a knife be-tween his shoulder blades and

Richmond's cosmopolitan XV

15 Matthew Pini (Australia) 14 Jim Fallon (England) 13 Allan Bateman (Wales)

12 Steve Cottrell (New Zealand)

11 Jason Wright (New Zealand) 10 Adrian Davies (Wales)

Augustin Pichot (Argentina)

1 Darren Crompton (England)

2 Barry Williams (Wales)

4 Craig Quinnell (Wales)

5 Richard West (England)

8 Scott Quinnell (Wales)

Bath, the most successful club in English rugby history, have sensibly de-

3 John Davies (Wales)

6 Ben Clarke (England)

7 Rolando Martin (Argentina)

ack Rowell has not, as far as any judging by the recent activities of Don one knows, been diagnosed as Rutherford, the RFU's technical suffering from acute paranoia. director, and Fran Cotton, vicebut he may soon feel obliged to seek chairman of Twickenham's mana little solace in the nearest psychi- agement board, the stainless steel atrist's chair. Two recurring tor- weaponry is being sharpened with rements afflicted England's put-upon newed vigour. But in public, at least, the coach was more concerned at what he considered the most insidious development in the domestic mer break, they will be back to haunt | club game: namely, the tidal wave of foreign "mercenaries" landing at

England's rugby heartlands.

Not just overseas players, either; how about two-thirds of the Irish international side, half of the Scottish Five Nations line-up and a liberal sprinkling of dollar-chasing Welshmen into the bargain? If Rowell voiced his anxiety once last season, he voiced it a dozen times, effectively asking: "How in heaven's name can I pick an England side when we don't have any Englishmen playing topflight club rugby?"

A good question, getting better by the day. No matter how many. points the spectacularly accom- Zealander, two Argentinians and a

cided to give the prediction business

a wide berth after publicly promis-

ing themselves an unprecedented tre-

ble last season and then failing to land a single trophy, writes Chris Hewett. Unfortunately, the one fore-

cast they were prepared to make this

time around - that they would be the

fittest side in the country under the

Chris Hewett considers the England coach's problems after the influx have a responsibility to the English national side – a side I've been forof foreign players for the coming season, which starts on Saturday

plished All Blacks score when they couple of Welshmen - have joined suggests that Wasps, the reigning arrive in these islands in November, an already cosmopolitan Athletic champions, and Sale will field more the most staggering statistic of the coming nine months is likely to show that on any given weekend, between 45 and 50 per cent of those taking the field for Allied Dunbar Premiership One matches will be non-English. Rugby is not merely mirroring the trend set in motion by football, but taking it into another dimension altogether.

On average, the 12 top-flight clubs will probably field seven imports, although as far as the England for the English brigade is concerned, some are far more culpable than others. Newly promoted Richmond will be the Little Englanders' No 1 bogey club, for now that Matthew Pini, Jason Wright, Augustin Pichot, Rolando Martin, Barry Williams and John Davies - for the record, an Australian, a New

guidance of the unforgiving New Zealander Jim Blair - has already

their Allied Dunbar Premiership

campaign against newly promoted

Newcastle on Saturday without half

their of first-choice line-up. The

England backs Jon Sleightholme,

Adedayo Adebayo and Jeremy Gus-

cott, the Scottish scrum-half and cap-

The West Countrymen will start

backfired with a vengeance.

Ground squad, it is perfectly possible that only four home-grown products will find a regular place in the shop window.

Leicester, who spent the first half of last season fielding 15 Englishmen and winning plaudits for their stance from those of protectionist persuasion, have now learned the words to "The Internationale" and headhunted two Fijians and a second Springbok to keep Joel Stransky company. Gloucester, of all people, could well field a threequarter line consisting of the French Saint-André brothers, Richie Tombs, of Australia, and Terry Fanolua, from Western Samoa - something that really will take some believing among the tough nuts of Matson and Coney Hill, 10th planet of the solar system.

Bath prediction backfires as injury toll rises

tain Andy Nicol and three interna-

tional forwards - John Mallett, Fed-

erico Mendez and Dan Lyle - are all

injured and the dressing-room cyn-

ics have now altered their original

prognostication to suggest that Blair

will indeed get the players fitter than ever before, provided, of course, they recover a sufficient degree of fitness

to start training.
Bath will field two rookie wings

who regard the Forest of Dean as the get on with the game" rank and file.

Englishmen than most, although the Londoners have netted Mark Weedon, from New Zealand, and Trevor Leota, from Western Samoa. during the recess, while the Cheshire club have pulled in Shane Howarth, a former All Black full-back, plus a brace of Welsh scrum-halves.

Far from expressing alarm at club rugby's worldwide draft fixation, the bright-eyed and businesslike Premiership administrators from the English Rugby Partnership talk breathlessly of burns on seats and bigger, better bank balances. They believe, openly and unashamedly. that the selling of their "product" to a new generation of spectators must take precedence over the sensibilities of the traditional "never mind the ball. And by and large, the players are An early glance at the squad lists buying into that philosophy. "Yes, we rugby section - 90 players at under-

> against Rob Andrew's outfit. Michael Wood, an England Under-21 cap

signed on a month s loan from West

Hartlepool, plays on the right flank

with the second debutant, the Irish

trialist Brian Roche, on the left. An-

other former West Hartlepool play-

er, the back-rower Russell Earnshaw,

makes his first league appearance at

Away from the glitzy high life of

The Rec on the open side.

tunate enough to be a part of in the past and very much want to be involved with in the future," said Ben Clarke, the Richmond captain, who will spend the foreseeable future speaking in tongues to a colourful menagerie of Wallabies, Pumas and Dragons. "It's a difficult issue, but on balance I think the overseas players and those from other parts of the British Isles have brought a higher standard to the English leagues. That expertise, of course, helps youngsters working their way up

through the grades. "Personally speaking. I have no problem with captaining a side drawn from so many different points of the compass. We're all working towards a common goal, all want to achieve something as a side and for the club. Where I do have a problem is with clubs who show no interest in developing their own talent but merely feed off others. At Rich-

the Premiership, the building group

Jewson yesterday announced a sev-

en-figure investment in the Rugby

Football Union's regionalised

National Leagues, known last season

as Courage leagues three and four.

The three-year deal gives England's

bigger amateur clubs a valuable

financial lifeline and also provides

funds for grass-roots rugby and

training for referees.

ing pot Premiership is open to debate. When an England coach goes looking for a new outside-half or hooker and finds eight of the 12 on view hail from the high veldt or the pampas rather than Ealing Broadway or the Somerset letels, global village virtues tend to lose their lustre.

seven level, for instance - and we're

building a development side. In the end, that work will be as crucial in

helping us thrive in the top flight as

any outside purchases we may

Sound sentiments from a sound

rugby man, but whether Clarke can

persuade his old mentor, Jack Row-

ell, of the lasting benefits of a melt-

#### **Premiership** Overseas XV

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May fed up ,

6 F Pienaar (Saracens/SA)

8 D Lyle (Bath/US) .

7 R Martin (Richmond/Arg)

pionship three-day event team,

but now has his chance with the

nine-year-old Word Perfect II

on whom he won the final trial

at Thirlestane Castle on Sunday.

ning team at the last European and World Championships, re-

ceived a late call after some im-

pressive performances in the

summer with General Jock,

fifth at Burghley last year. Anne-Marie Evans, fifth in the 1986 World Championships,

completes the First Six from

which the two left out of the

team will compete as individuals. The Second Six, chosen to

fill the extra places available to

the host country, will also be

Gifford, a member of the win-

### Horton resigns at **Derbyshire**

Cricket

Derbyshire were yesterday plunged into a fresh crisis when their chairman, Mike Horton, resigned.

It is the latest twist in a saga which began back in June when the former Australian Test player Dean Jones quit as captain and overseas professional. Speculation about Horton's

position at the club he saved from financial ruin in 1993 increased when, after returning from a business trip abroad, he stayed away from the Championship match against Lancashire at Derby on Saturday.

He announced his resignation through a letter to the Derbyshire members in which he was critical of the committee and suggested a restructuring of the club.

Horton's proposals include turning Derbyshire into a limited company and replacing the committee structure with an elected management board.

"I have found it increasingly frustrating that my efforts in all of these directions have been consistently undermined by certain members of the committee, especially during my absences from the club," Horton said.

The peripheral issues that occur during the season, especially recently, give an oppor-tunity for individuals to hide their fundamental motives."

Vic Brownett, the vice-chairman who has been in charge during Horton's absence, will now take over until a new chairman is appointed. "This is a sad way to go." Brownett admitted. "Mike has done a tremendous job for Derbyshire and I have learned a lot from him."

### Palmer powers to gold medal

**Swimming** 

JAMES PARRACK reports from Seville

With an awe-inspiring demolition of his rivals, Paul Palmer won Britain's first gold medal at the European Championships here vesterday. Content to wait until the last

length of the 200 metres freestyle, Palmer then powered his way to victory in a time of 1min 48.85sec, just one-hundredth of a second outside his own British record.

everyone but himself. "I never really envisaged anyone beating me." he said. "I knew that if I was up there at 100 metres they were not going to get away. I felt in control and confident of gold."

Palmer took a long break from swimming after winning an Olympic silver medal in Atlanta last year, disillusioned by the lack of support he was receiv-

ing. But a move with his coach, Ian Turner to the élite training village at the University of Bath in January provided the ideal training environment to refocus on winning gold here. Having won an event traditionally used as a warm-up for his favoured

favourite to win a second gold in the longer distance on Friday. Palmer was nearly joined on the podium by Edinburgh's Jamie Salter, who was denied a bronze by just one hundredth of a second.

He was the second Briton to miss a medal by a narrow mar-The victory was a surprise to gin, after Susan Rolph in the women's 100m freestyle. Later, the women's 4 x 200m relay team had to settle for fifth place, but at least they had the consolation of a British record 8min 9.44sec.

Michelle Smith, the triple Olympic gold medallist who is now swimming under her married name of De Bruin, won her

first gold of a possible six this since her Atlanta success con-week in the final of the 400m individual medley.

In typical style, the Irishwoman surged into a two-second lead after the 100m butterfly leg, was caught after the breaststroke at 300m but cut her challengers adrift in the fi-400m, Palmer will be the hot nal 100m freestyle.

The 15-year-old Ukrainian European junior champion Yana Klochkova was the nearest of them at 300m mark, as De Bruin had anticipated. "I thought she would be there and I had to work hard down the breaststroke then I had two choices - either let it go or put my head down and fight for She wanted to beat the Olympic champion and I wasn't going to let her," De Bruin said.

Getting way from her competitors proved easy compared with escaping the scrum who fol-lowed her to her press conference, where the drug allegations that have been made against her tinued to side-step the issue.

Klochkova hung on to finish an impressive second, but Britain unveiled their own promising 15-year-old medley swimmer in Portsmouth's Samantha Nesbit. The youngest member of the British squad here, she showed no sign of nerves at her first senior international competition. Attacking her 400m from the start, she swam a personal best time of 4:51.25 in the consolation final and looks likely to threaten Sharron Davies' 17vear-old record, set at the Moscow Olympics when she

won the silver medal, in 4:46.83. What De Bruin could do single-handedly lead the most successful Irish team ever, the British will need a full team effort to do the same. Hopes for more medals tomorrow lie with the two butterfly specialists James Hickman and Stephen



Palmer: Late burst of speed

Parry, Karen Pickering in the 200m freestyle and Britain's best chance for a second gold. the men's 4 x 200 freestyle team. Palmer has already taken a step towards history with the first ever medal for Britain in the 200 m freestyle and his performance will lift the others

through the week. It is now possible that the British team will surpass the three gold medals last won in 1987 in Strasbourg.

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### First Six takes shape

were automatic choices for the First Six in the British squad that contests next month's European Open Three-Day Event Championships at the Burghley Horse Trials in Lincolnshire.

#### Equestrianism the three-day event team and has not yet ridden for a cham-

GENEVIEVE MURPHY

Mary King and William Fox-Pitt

King on Star Appeal, last ear's Burghley winner, and Fox-Pitt on Cosmopolitan II had already reserved their places when finishing second and third at Badminton in May. Barring accidents, they are bound to be among the four British team members to be named after the first horse

inspection on 10 September.
The team will be chosen from the First Six on the squad, which was announced yesterday. It also includes Ian Stark, who has represented Britain in the last four Olympic Games, Kristina Gifford, Anne-Marie Evans and Christopher Bartle.

Bartle is dressage trainer for

the host country, will also be individual competitors.

BRITISH SENIOR SQUAD FOR EUROPEAN OPEN THREE-DAY EVENT CHAMPHONSHERS (at Burghley Pedigree Chem Horse Triels, Linca, 11-14 September; Fest Star, C Bartle (Word Perfect II), A-M Evans (Dund Trees), W Fox-Pit (Cosmopolian II), K Guitor General Jock, M Ring (Star Appeal), I Stark (Araban), Second Sic D Dick, (Headley Brack), P Furnali (Bits and Pieces), C Humathe (Mr Boutsel, G Pascrage (Mage Rogue), P Philips (Coal), E Watson (Last of the broad, Reserves.

J.P Sheffield (Miculien Bay), J Yao (Bally Free).

**Phil Appleyard** dies aged 74

Phil Appleyard OBE, one of the game's key figures, died on Saturday in hospital near his

His period as chairman of the 1986 World Cup organising committee and his presidency of the Hockey Association from 1985-1995 were distinguished by

In 1988 he introduced the Na. tional League. He also began the long road to merging with the Women's Hockey Association and helped establish the

#### POOLS FORECAST Second Division **FA Carling Premiership**

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14 Norwich v Crews .. 15 Oxford v Nottingham Forest 16 Port Vale v Sunderland 17 QPR v Stockport 18 Sheffield United v Portsmouth. 19 Swindon v Huddersfield Playing Friday: Manchester City v Tranmere Rovers, Playing Sunday: West Bromvich v Wolves.

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### Divided Germany still a force to be reckoned with

GLENN MOORE reports from Belfast

Germany's national team is said to be in crisis. It is too old, racked by injury and riven with dissension. The captain, Jürgen Klinsmann, is past it, while even the coach, Berti Vogts, has

turned on his team. So the theory goes, but it rather ignores the fact that Germany are the current European champions at international and club level and are favourites to qualify for the World Cup from Group Nine.

sis like that while Bryan Hamil-ton, whose Northern Ireland team play Germany at Windsor Park tonight, can only dream of such a predicament.

Not that the crisis line is entirely without evidence. The team is ageing; the 33-year-old Klinsmann has gone more than 10 hours since his last international goal; Fredi Bobic has publicly criticised his team-mates Klinsmann and Oliver Bierhoff; Matthias Sammer has not been replaced; and, most damning of all, Vogts wrote to all his players in the summer expressing "total dissatisfaction" at their World Cup performances

could yet struggle to ensure au-tomatic qualification.

Since Germany have not beaten Northern Ireland in five matches and 20 years that must be a possibility but confidence, not tension, was in the air as the team prepared yesterday. A gentle training session at Blanchilower Park, during which Klinsmann's finishing was electric, was followed by a relaxed afternoon in the team's hotel a few miles from Belfast. It is the same base they used to prepare for Euro 96 and they are so comfortable they are al-ready considering using it before

what we have been doing in training, I will be very content," Vogts said. "The problem is that everyone thinks qualification can be taken for granted. We must guard against that. The time has come to end this tradition of not beating Ireland."

Vogts' only problem appeared to be a freak training injury to Thomas Strunz in an accident with Bierhoff. The Bayern Munich player is earmarked to play as the midfield anchor as Dieter Eilts has been dropped. As he was many pundits' player of the tournament in Euro 96, Eilts' absence underlines Germany's strength -

Herrlich cannot find a place in the squad either.

Vogts is aware of the danger of allowing his champion team to grow old and, having already drafted in Jorg Heinrich, Dortmund's brilliant young wing-back, and Darius Wosz, VIL Bochum's late-developing midfielder, he has called up Lars Ricken. The destroyer of Manchester United and Juventus in the European Cup is regarded as Germany's most promising talent and Vogts added: "His call-up is a signal that the door is always open for high calibre players

Not that the old guard are ready to move over. "Perfor-

mance and quality are more important than age," said Klinsmann, who wins his 99th cap tonight. "When the pressure is on, the young players need the experience of the old ones."

Klinsmann played down Bobic's criticism, but Christian Ziege was more forthoming on Vogts' letter. "He was very disappointed with us and wanted players to think about how much they dedicate themselves to the national side. He fulfilled that objective," said the wing-back who recently joined Milan. Vogts will certainly be dis-

appointed if Germany lose tonight. Such is the imbalance, the bulk of Germany's squad

will feature in this year's Cham-pions' League, while most of Northean Ireland's are in the Nationwide League or Premiership reserve sides.

One of the latter is Manchester United's Philip Multyne, yet to play in his club's first team, who may win his fourth cap in place of the suspended Iain Dowie. Attack, however, is a minor concern. With Tommy Wright ~ who defied the Germans in the 1-1 draw in Nuremberg last year - and Alan Fettis injured, Hamilton must choose between Roy Carroll and Aidan Davison between the posts.
Carroll is 19, plays for Wigan
and won his only cap playing the

second half against Thailand in the summer. That day he replaced Davison, who was win-ning his second cap. He is at Grinsby and is still seeking his 100th League game after a decade as a professional.

Whoever plays, tonight will be the biggest night of their career. It is a chance to go down in Irish football history - or in-

famy.

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### Gienn Hoddle would like a criso far. A loss tonight and they "If the team put into practice Karlheinz Riedle and Heiko No mystery why Taggart can master Klinsmann

years ago which showed a footballer, head in hands. The gist of the words (with apologies to the author) were: You're in the team, your parents have come to watch... and you've just learnt you're mark-

ing Ryan Giggs."
Gerry Taggart could identify with the disconsolate defender. When he returned to the Northern Ireland team the opponents could have been World man he was marking might have been inexperienced, carrving an injury or past it. In his dreams. The striker he had to

Germany in Nuremberg is no A big man, he one's idea of an ideal comeback would comand even the normally imperturbable Taggart was edgy. "I a bouncers' hadn't played for a year," he convention but, said, "and what a game to come while it would back to. You have to try and have been a a bit nerve-racking to tell the truth. I had a few butterflies that

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Which suggests Taggart, who will meet the Germans again in Belfast tonight, should get nervous every match, because he was the cornerstone around slipped away with a 1-1 draw. To complete a happy night for the Bolton central defender be got his sixth goal for his coun-

"It was like the Alamo," Tag-gart said of a famous Irish night. "The second half was unbelievable. They were hitting the bar, the post, Tommy Wright was making magnificent saves.

Guy Hodgson talks to the burly Northern Ireland defender who has one of the most demanding jobs in football in tonight's World Cup qualifier

all sorts. The whole team played that well that night."

The goal? "Just a stroke of luck," he said, smiling at the memory. "It fell right for me; it was there to be smacked."

Taggart, 26, was talking Cup cannon fodder, San Mari-no or Monaco, for example. The a sandwich at Bolton's training ground near Chorley. "I made it as big as I could," the woman serving him said, past experience teaching her that he has some performance against Gersubdue was Jürgen Klinsmann. the appetite to match his size.

> mand respect at a long time to from his own supporters.

A £1.5m signing from Barasseason injury and suspension restricted him to 12 appearances as Bolton plummeted out of the Premiership. At the same time his international career came to a halt after a lacklustre performance against Latvia.

"It was so frustrating," he said. "I wanted to make an impression and I was trying too hard. It worked against me. I

and there was nothing I could

do about it but wait to get fit." The Bolton, who had not been good enough for the Premiership, were far too good for the First Division, however, and they and Taggart enjoyed a renaissance. Strong as an ox, he played more than 50 times,

winning over the fans and the Northern Ireland manager, Bryan Hamilton, Cue an awe-Now Taggart faces Germany and, in all prob-

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going to go to next. "Some strikers are fairly staley two years ago, his career at tic, preferring to hold the ball which Northern Ireland built a Burnden Park virtually mirrored up, but he's going here and space for others running through as well as for himself for the long diagonal ball over the top. A very clever player. You have to treat him like you would any centre-forward, basically get stuck into him."

The last sentence was accompanied by a chuckle, registering that his rugged style is not always appreciated by oppo-We were clearing off the line, had so many injury problems nents on and off the field. Tag-

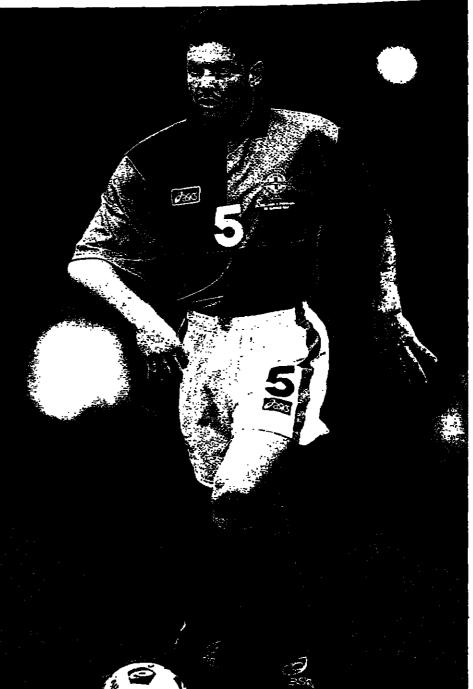
gart's role model is Steve Bruce, another tough player who he de-scribes as not blessed with lightening pace. "But what a reader of the game," he added with an air of wonder. "He more than made up for any deficiencies

with his anticipation." A player who is more than the sum of his parts in fact, which is similar to how Taggart regards the Germans. "They are not the most skilful side in the world but they have this system which they use so well and they work so hard at it. They just grind people down. They are like a machine. It keeps ticking

Whether Ireland can throw a spanner in the vorsprung durch technik for a second time is debatable, although Taggart is optimistic. "Our problem is that we've too many young players. I'm 26, I've got 43 caps but apart from Jim Magilton, Iain Dowie and Michael Hughes, the rest are relatively inexperienced. It's good thing in many respects, but in a sense this World Cup has got come a bit too early. If the young players develop we could

"In our group there's the Ukraine, Portugal and Germany up at the top; qualificastretch of the imagination. They need a result: it's a bigger game for them than us. And for some reason Northern Ireland seem to do better against the big

They do not come much bigger than Germany, nor Taggart come to think of it. Someone large, either by reputation or bulk, will have their head in their hands tonight.



Big fella: Gerry Taggart prepares for a testing evening tonight

### Coultard scores **England** century

aGillian Coultard will win her 100th cap for England when the international women's team takes on Scotland in a friendly at Livingston on Saturday.

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Coultard is the women's game's longest-serving player and enters the history books alongside the four England men who have reached 100 caps: Bobby Moore, Sir Bobby Charlton, Peter Shilton and Billy Wright, Charlton said: "Gill will be a very proud lady when she earns her 100th cap. There are very few of us that have reached such a pinnacie in our career and I congratulate her on this achievement."

Coultard made her debut against the Republic of Ireland in May 1981 aged 18 as England won 3-1. She scored the first women's international goal at Wembley, and played in all England's games at the 1995 Women's World Cup, when England reached the quarter-fi-nals. The central midfielder has scored 25 goals for her country and has gained many honours for her club, Doncaster Belles.

Deportivo La Coruña have told Barcelona to pay money they claim is still owed for last week's transfer of the Brazilian striker Rivaldo, who has been bought to replace Ronaldo. Barcelona, who were also interested in signing Liverpool's Steve McManaman for £12m. instead bought out Rivaldo's contract last week.

"The Rivaldo affair is not closed," said the Deportivo president, Augusto Cesar Lendoiro, who claimed Barca still had to transfer the £16m they are supposed to pay for Photograph: Empics buying out Rivaldo's contract.

### McCarthy needs goals

public of Ireland had hoped to he engaged in a two-way fight with Romania for the top spot in Group Eight. Instead, Mick McCarthy's side find themselves in third place - three points behind Macedonia, eight adrift of Romania, and ahead of Lithuania, whom they play tonight in a crucial game in Dublin, only on goal difference. McCarthy expects the Lithuanians to erect a stern defen-

for the return game in Vilnius on 10 September. The manager knows he he must send out an attacking team, and he is likely to choose Tony Cascarino, who scored twice as a substitute against Liechtenstein in the Republic's last game, ahead of Niall Quinn as the target man.

One man certain of his place is David Connolly, now with Feyenoord, who hit the other three goals in the 5-0 win over

By this stage of the World Cup sive barrier and aim to earn a Liechtenstein. A problem for qualifying campaign, the Repoint and a psychological edge McCarthy is that he has nine players who are one yellow card away from a suspension. "I can't afford to worry about that," he said. "There's no way I can ask them not to tackle for year's finals in France. the hall and, if we get bookings that way, there is nothing you can do about it."

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### **Dumitrescu returns**

midfielder, Ilie Dumitrescu, for tonight's World Cup qualifier against Macedonia in Bucharest as they seek the victory that will all but guarantee a place in next Romania have the most impressive record in all nine qualifying groups to date, with a 100

Romania have called up the for-

mer Tottenham and West Ham

per cent tally of 18 points from six games in Group Eight, scoring 20 goals and conceding none. Dumitrescu, now playing for the Mexican club Atlante. SPORTING DIGEST

has not féatured since last October's game in Iceland. The 28year-old was one of Romania's top players in the 1994 World Cup finals but lost form after his move to England.

Norway's coach, Egil Olsen,

has recalled the experienced pair of Gunnar Halle and Jostein Flo, the former Sheffield United striker, for tonight's Group Three qualifier against Finland in Helsinki. Halle, of Leeds United, is one six Premiership players in the Norwegian starting line-up.

Nathan Blake has been recalled from the international wilderness to lead the Welsh at-

The Bolton striker, who has

never played at World Cup level, was involved in a row with Bobby Gould, the manager of Wales, last season over alleged racist remarks made by Gould. Now, though, he is back in the fold and has been rewarded with his big chance against Turkey in the Group Seven game at Galatasaray's ground in Istanbul.

tack against Turkey today.

Blake at one stage vowed never to play for Gould again and the Football Association of Wales held a meeting to discuss their manager's position after the embarrassing affair. Gould apologised, Blake relented and. after being unavailable through injury for the friendly against

Scotland in May, the big strik-

er was named for the trip to

the current Glasgow coach, Kevin Greene. Beckharn will be joined today by fellow Cook Islander Tommy Hayes,

Blake back in business

Blake will partner Dean Saunders - back at the stadium where he was a big favourite

Turkey.

with the local fans a couple of years ago, Mark Hughes will be used in a midfield role to accommodate both strikers, while Ryan Giggs will play on the left as a wing-back. Wimbledon's Ceri Hughes and Leicester's Robbie Savage both make their World Cup debuts.

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WALES TEAM (Mords Cap qualifier v Turkey, la-terbul, today): Southall (Earther): Jeolains (Hutderbath, Metellia (Superhard, Speed Parton, Page (Wather), Giggs "Jameteste" Jr.; Savage (Levessen, M. Hughes (Parton, Vitalia) (Harbeton, Saunders (Natron, Turkey), Forest, State (Botton), Sabattistiss; P. Jones, Camberston) or Marriet (Wesham: Systems, (Marchester City), Edwards (Bestal City), Libres, (Itaminen), Tvollope (Deby).

### **Duva's low blow to Lewis**

Low blows, the trademark of the Pole Andrew Golota, where meted out by his trainer, Lou Duva, yesterday in the direction of Lennox Lewis's reputation. "Lennox is no angel," said the veteran Duva, who is preparing Golota for his challenge against the British World Boxing Council heavyweight champion at the

ter on 4 October. "Lewis can be as dirty as Golota used to be." Golota was involved in two infamous fights with Riddick Bowe in which he was twice dis-

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qualified for low blows while on

the way to victory. Duva added: "Lennox has got away with it in the past. As world champion you can. He kept hitting Henry Akinwande behind the head in his last fight and should have lost a couple of points. That hurts more than going low and hitting someone

in the protective cup."
Golota, a solid hitter, should prove the hardest test of Lewis's ability, as his two fights with Bowe illustrate. Should he win, Lewis could then face the World Boxing Association champion, Evander Holyfield.

AMERICAN LEAGUE Cleveland 5 Toronto 3; Mi-warkes 8 Toros 5; Toros 2 Minatolice 0 (sec-and game); Baltimore 2 Anshern 1; Chicago White Sor 5 Seattle 0; NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pussburgh 7 Florida 2. Basketball

London Towers have re-signed the nu-cleus of the squad who helped the club win the Budweiser League Championship final and the 7-Up Trophy last season. England centre Neville Austin, Danny Lewis and Karl Brown have all agreed

Bowts

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Essex have released the former Hamp-shire seamer Steve Andrew after sev-en seasons at the club. The county are also letting go Giles Goodwin and Wayne Ritzama, neither of whom have made a first-class appearance. AON EISK TROPHY Semi-finel (Bristol): Not-inglansing 244 for 9 (G E Welton 63). Glouces-testing 245 for 7. Gloucestershire win by 3

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WantstonLEAD NENT LEAGUE: Canterbury & Cray Wandsrars (7.45): VCD Athletic v Thomesmead (6.0).

Chichester v Pagharn, Heesocks v Redhit, v Asundel (7.15); Sahdean v Haligham.

#### Gavin Featherstone, the England Under-21 coach, has announced his squad for the Wornen's Junior World Cup in Seoul from 2-13 September. Five from his own club. Olton, are included but

his own club, Otton, are included but there is no place for 19-year-old Kinsty Bowden, who played a major role in England's seniors qualifying in Harare for next year's World Cup.

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Rugby Union

Glasgow's squad for the Heineken Eu-ropean Cup has been strengthened by the arrival of Cook Islands prop Michael Beckham. The 17st 11th forward played in the World Cup qualifying games for the Pecific Island tentory last year and has represented New Zeeland province Walkato, who used to be coached by

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#### May fed up with Italian lot more British style of athletics. **Athletics** "I think I've lost the good

Fiona May, the British-born long jumper, has precipitated a row with her bosses at the Italian athletics federation over training - four years after leaving this country in disgust at the lack of facilities and help. May, an Olympic silver medal-

list who is originally from Slough but took Italian nationality after moving there in 1993, revealed yesterday that she was fed up with the federation's training centre at Formia and would quit it. Instead, May wants to be coached by her husband, the top Italian pole vaulter Gianni Iapichino, and to

return to a less pressured and

British habits and picked up the bad Italian ones," she said. "Here in Italy, everything is either over-

"It's not that I mind being famous, I just want to be able to enjoy life and to have fun while I'm training." The federation president, Gianni Gola, said: "We've giv-

ten to her and give her what she "But she can't hold us up to ridicule like this, without hav-

dramatised or over-trivialised.

en her everything she asked us for. Now, if she wants to change we're willing, once again, to lis-

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

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Rugby League

PREMIER LEAGUE: Hull v Newport; Land Eaton

ELITE LEAGUE: King's Lynn v Eastbourne (7.45):

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### City open to £7m offers for Kinkladze

ALAN NIXON

Manchester City are preparing to sell their coveted Georgian midfielder Georgi Kinkladze and are open to offers of £7m. Kinkladze's future at Maine Road has been put into doubt by his poor form in City's disappointing start to the season of two defeats and a draw.

Liverpool were linked with a move for Kinkladze yesterday after the manager, Roy Evans,

watched him in action last week. Kinkladze has an unwritten greement with the chairman. Francis Lee, that he will be sold if City receive a bid of £7m.

Nottingham Forest are pricing striker Dean Saunders out of a move to Everton by asking for £1m. Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, is willing to pay around £600,000 for the 33vear-old Welshman.

Blackburn Rovers are giving the Norwegian centre-back Tore Pedersen the chance to fill Henning Berg's boots. The for-

mer Oldham player has joined Blackburn for training with a view to a £700,000 transfer from the Hamburg side St Pauli following Berg's recent transfer to Manchester United.

Tony Dorigo will tomorrow leave Leeds to join Graeme Souness at Torino. The former England international's free transfer to the Serie B club has been put on hold for 24 hours because of a national holiday. But the Australian-born 31year-old has agreed personal terms with Souness.

Dorigo's erstwhile teammate, Tony Yeboah, looks set to reject a move to Newell's Old Boys of Argentina for family reasons. Yeboah's agent, Hay-den Evans, said: "Tony has to give a decision today, but I don't think he would want to take his family out to South America."

Terry Venables is preparing to take complete control of Portsmouth. Venables became chairman of Pompey last November and bought a 51 per cent share in the club from the former managing director Mar-

tin Gregory in February for £1. At the same time, the former England coach secured a threeyear option to buy the 45 per cent of shares which Gregory still holds. Venables is now to spend £3.5m on the shares.

The Norwegian club Molde have cleared the way for Petter Rudi to join Sheffield Wednes-day in a potential £750,000 deal

The 23-year-old midfielder can remain with the club until the end of the Norwegian season on 19 October.

Crystal Palace have completed the transfer of the Israeli international Itzhak Zohar. The 26-year-old midfielder moves to Selhurst Park in a £1.2m transfer from Royal Antwerp of

Schar, capped 29 times, has started training with the south London club, having been grant-ed international clearance and received his work permit.

John Dennis is confident of signing the West Ham striker lain Dowie after the Barnsley chairman and manager. Danny

Wilson, held extensive talks with the Northern Ireland international at Oakwell yesterday in an effort to persuade the 32-yearold to move north. A fee of around £500,000 has been reed with the Hammers but Dowie now wants time to think

Dennis said: "[Dowie] has one or two things he needs to talk over with West Ham and with his family before giving us an answer, but I believe the situation will be resolved within the next couple of days."

Shaun Young, the Tasmanian all-rounder, will win his first Test

cap against England at The Oval. Young, who has im-pressed in his debut county

season with Gloucestershire this summer, was told his good

news yesterday after Australia's

first practice session in prepa-

ration for the final Ashes Test,

Young played in the victory

against Kent at Canterbury af-

ter being called up to join Aus-

tralia's squad at the end of last

been confirmed as the replace-

ment for the injured Jason

Gillespie, while Young comes in for Paul Reiffel.

Devon Malcolm missed yes-

terday's England's practice at

The Oval after being given per-

ission to attend a benefit lunch. Malcolm's absence meant that

the England squad gathered in

south London was cut to 12, the

Glamorgan off-spinner Robert

Croft also missing the session be-

cause he was due to attend last

night's England Cricket Board

David Houghton, the Worcestershire coach, is backing his

bowlers to come out on top against Allan Donald and col-

leagues when they tackle War-

wickshire in the County

Championship derby at Edg-

Houghton is expecting a wick-et loaded in favour of the

bowlers in a game vital to both

disciplinary hearing in Bristol.

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which begins tomorrow.

over the deal.

Manchester United have destrayed thousands of pounds worth of Eric Cantona souvenirs after removing them from the club shop's shelves. Cantona had demanded a £750,000 cut from the profits of the

Players at Newport AFC are having to chip in to pay for their team-mate Leigh Hall to have a cartilage operation. The play-er needs £1,300 for private treatment. Otherwise Hall faces being out for the whole season on the NHS waiting list.

**Young given** 

Test debut

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### **Dettori** praises 'the best in world'

Racing RICHARD EDMONDSON

reports from York

We saw the last of Singspiel here yesterday and the manner of his departure made the parting all the more sorrowful.

The noble five-year-old has a maximum of two races remaining in his glorious career following victory in the Inter-national Stakes on the Knavesmire and any further witnesses to a live performance will have to fly across the Atlantic for the pleasure. Singspiel leaves Europe with earnings closing on £3.7m, which makes him the most productive throughbred in history to be based on this continent, but his value cannot be measured in sterling alone. He is an animal who pleases the eye as much as the pocket. Once again yesterday he threw in front of us a unique blend of calibre and hardiness which. by any rationalisation, must make him the best horse in the

This was the certain, if hardly impartial, assessment of Frankie Dettori, who, in fairness, has had some top-of-therange vehicles beneath him. "He is the best horse I have ever ridden," the Italian said. "He has beaten them all. He's beaten Helissio, he's beaten the best American horses and now he's beaten Bosra Sham. He's undoubtedly the undisputed heavyweight champion of the

"I've ridden great horses like Lammtarra and Halling, who was electric in this race last year, but Singspiel is the best."

If the roses had to come showering down on Singspiel it was appropriate that it should

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Frankie Dettori celebrates as he passes the winning post on Singspiel in the International Stakes at York yesterday

be at the setting of a searing Ebor meeting. Around the paddock there were racecards flutfunction as fans, which lent the mpression of a Movietone FA Cup final.

Four horses may not consititute the most thunderous spectacle the turf has ever seen, but that had not stolen anticipation for the occasion and there were plenty wanting to get

on with it. The jockeys bounded down the steps into an emp-ty parade ring and then the racecourse announcer requested them to mount, which would have been considerably easier if any horseflesh had

been visible. Desert King was the restless figure once the stalls opened, throwing his head around as he was restrained at the tail. Up front an Indian file of Ben-

ny The Dip, Singspiel and racing's first lady, Bosra Sham,

The first decisive moment came when the turf's Cinderella lost a shoe on the entrance to the straight and for her there would be no fairy-tale ending. The second came when Dettori depressed the accelerator. "I wanted to make a race of it because I knew my horse was a great battler, so three and a half Photograph: Robert Hallam

furlongs out I said let's go," the ment," Stoute said. "It was a su-Italian reported. Singspiel burst perbly professional display."
All that remains is the final clear and the rest just burst. Michael Stoute and Sheikh show at Hollywood Park in the Breeders' Cup Classic, which Mohammed, the winning trainer and owner, formed the bookmay be preceded by a prep race ends at the horse's head when over the water. "I've loved Smesonel was led in. The former having him and when he goes had perspiration about his face. we'll miss him enormously. Stoute said. "We" will embrace which was due to the weather rather than worry. "He was alanyone who saw the horse ways travelling so well that we didn't have a single anxious mo-

called Singspiel.
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baston today.

sides' hopes of featuring in the battle for the Championship. Worcestershire are currently the better placed in fourth position - 22 points behind the non-playing leaders. Gloucestershire, and with a game in hand - but

ekindle their chances.

Houghton, keen to leave Worcestershire in a strong po-sition before he quits New Road to become the national coach of his native Zimbahwe next week, said: "I don't think we have beaten Warwickshire at Edgbaston for a long time in the Championship.

Worcestershire's former England spinner, Richard Illingworth, could play his first Championship match of the season after suffering a shoulder injury in a Bradford League game at the start of the season, but the former England fast bowler Phil Newport will be out of action for the rest of the season with an Achilles problem.

Another former England player, Warwickshire's opener and vice-captain Nick Knight. is also poised to return after being out of action for seven weeks with a broken little finger. He will lead the side in the continuing absence of the captain. Tim Munton, while the secondchoice captain, Andy Moles, will have a late check on his dam-

aged finger. Second-placed Kent, 10 points behind Gloucestershire with a game in hand, will have Fulton, back when they tackle Somerset at Taunton. Fulton broke a knuckle a month ago

against Middlesex. The other key match pits third-placed Glamorgan against Northamptonshire at Aber 1 gavenny. The Welshmen, just six points behind Kent, have England Under-19 spinner Dean Cosker standing by to fill in for Croft.

AUSTRALIA (Siath Test v Englend, The Oval, starting temorrow): "M A Taylor, M T G Client, GS Blewett, M E Waugh, S R Waugh, R T Porting, T A Heedy, S A Young, S K Warne, M S Rasprosler, G D McGrath.

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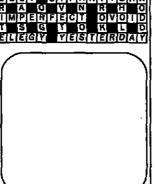
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### **Reviled Robinson** steps down at Wigan

alternative is a loose arrange-

ment to play as temporary tenants at Bolton Wanderers'

new Reebok Stadium, but many

supporters have made it clear

Rugby League

DAVE HADFIELD

Jack Robinson bowed to intense pressure yesterday by resigning as chairman of Wigan.

Robinson, chairman for the past five years and a director for 18. announced his decision after his vice-chairman. Tom Rathbone, resigned earlier in

The two men have been the object of an increasingly vitri-olic campaign to remove them by shareholders and other supporters furious at the sale of the club's Central Park ground to the supermarket group, Tesco. They had fought off one attempt to unseat them at a shareholders' meeting, but had

called another in September after allegations of irregularities Robinson also appeared in court earlier this year, where he was found not guilty on charges of attempting to pervert the

course of justice. A section of Wigan fans, however, considered him guilty of leading the club into decline and the potential disaster of having nowhere to play in

club has one more season at

that they bitterly oppose that A delegation marched on the Rugby League's headquarters in Leeds two weeks ago and, even among crowds that have shrunk to a financially ruinous 6,500, the clamour for Robinson to go has

grown louder. One group of fans has taken to standing on a road-bridge outside the ground with a partial view of the pitch, carrying banners declaring that they will not pay to enter until Robinson departs.

Now they have their way. Announcing his decision, Robinson - an antiques dealer and, like Rathbone, a member of the so-called Gang of Four directors who revitalised Wigan in the early 1980s - said yesterday: "I felt that I had taken Wigan Rugby League as far as I could. It is now up to the chairman and the new board to go

forward." The new chairman is Arthur Thomas, who joined the board earlier this season. The only other surviving director is David Bradshaw, the club's chief

The sale of the ground to Tesco means that, at most, the executive. Apart from improving per-formances on the field - Wigan Central Park, and there are no are fifth in Super League and were beaten by both Sheffield concrete proposals for a new home within the town. The

board will have to resolve the matter of the stadium.

One possibility that now opens up is sharing with the football club Wigan Athletic and rugby union club Orrell at a projected new ground in the town that has the local council's backing. The football club's chair-

man. Dave Whelan, who has

been in bitter conflict with Rathbone and Robinson, has said that he would not discuss ground-sharing while they remained in charge.
The former Wigan player, Martin Offiah, could make a surprise return to the London Broncos' side for the rest of the

eason. Offiah was thought to have played his last match for the club when his agreement with them ran out and the two parties were unable to settle a new one last month. Since then, Offiah's contract with Bedford rugby union has expired and a move to a First Division London union club has

not materialised. He has been in discussions with the Broncos' chief executive, Tony Rea, and could even return to their side for the match against Halifax next Monday.

Meanwhile, London have transfer-listed their scrum-half, Josh White, at £100,000. White has already had talks with Hull and Salford but the Broncos insist that he is under contract to them for next season.

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